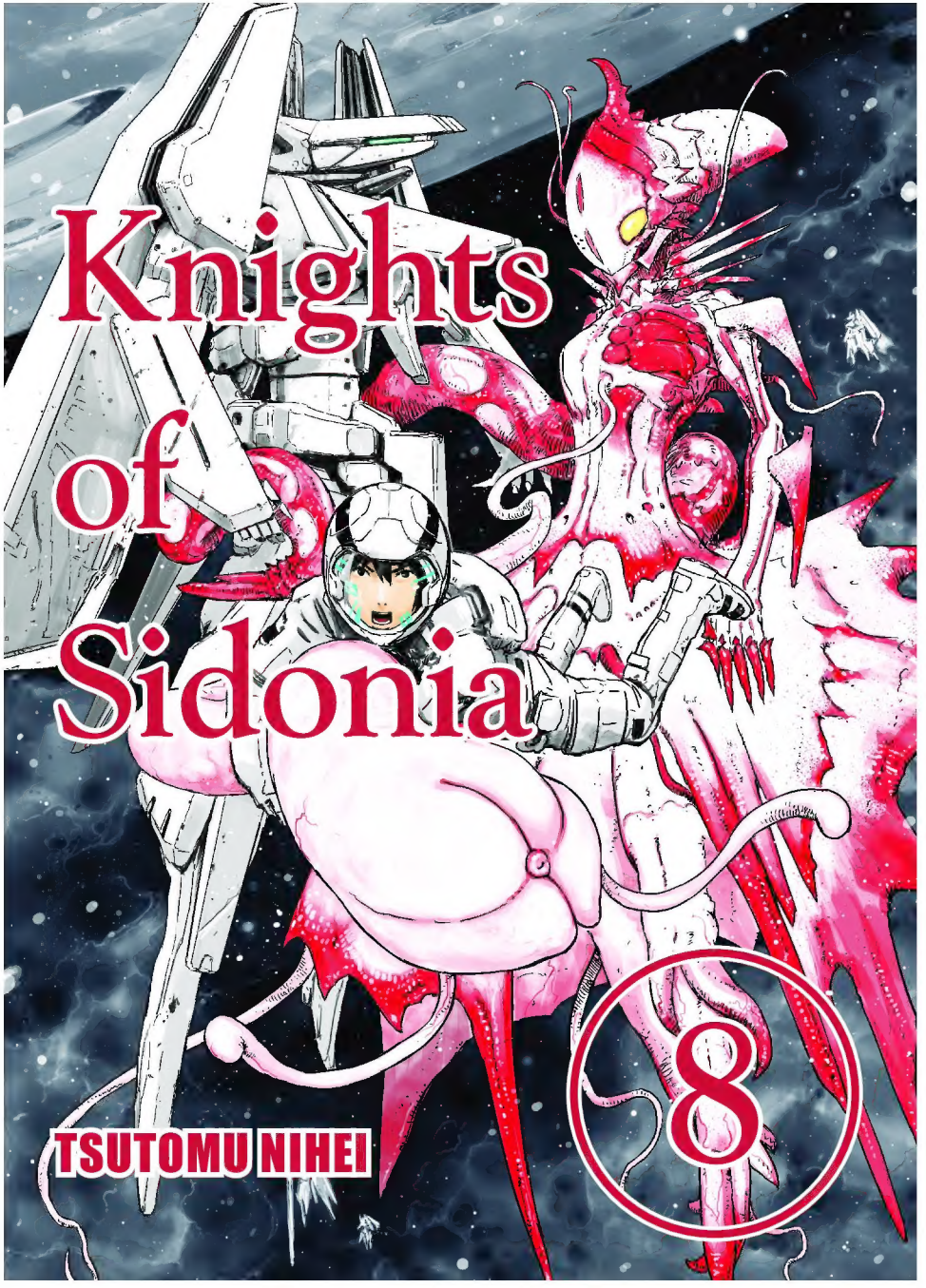
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TSUTOMU NIHEI
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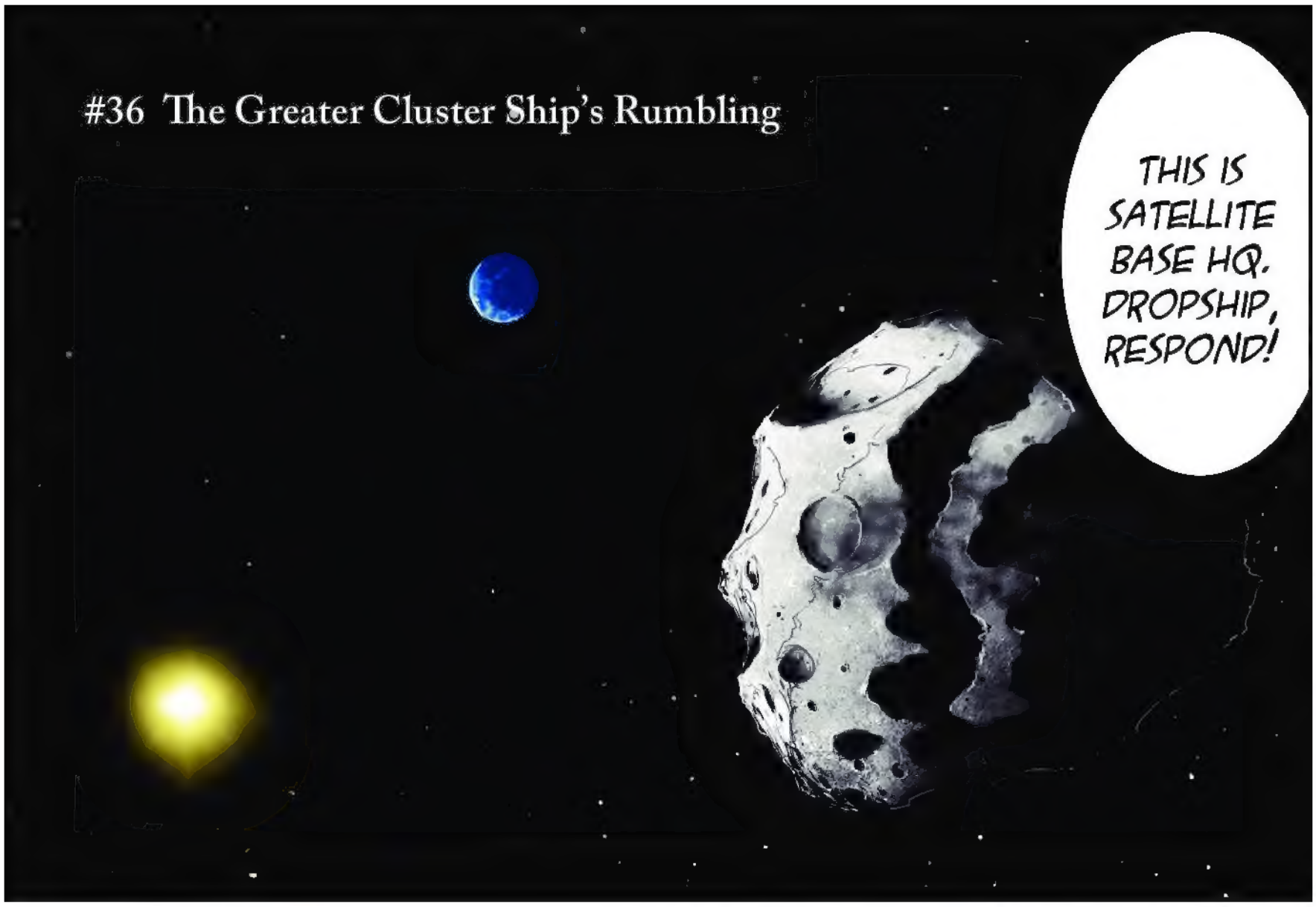
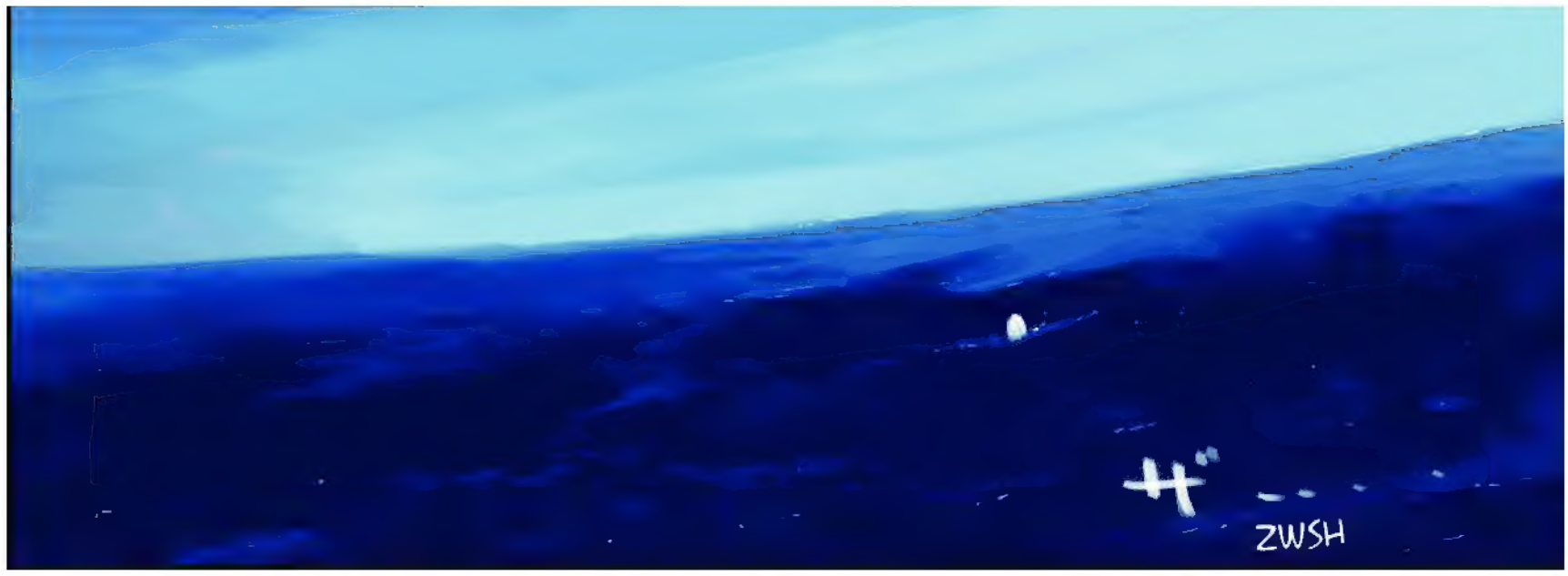

#36 The Greater Cluster Ship's Rumbling
THIS IS SATELLITE BASE HQ. DROPSHIP, RESPOND!

DROPSHIP, YOU SHOULD BE HEARING US. ARE YOU?!
WHY AREN'T YOU RESPONDING ?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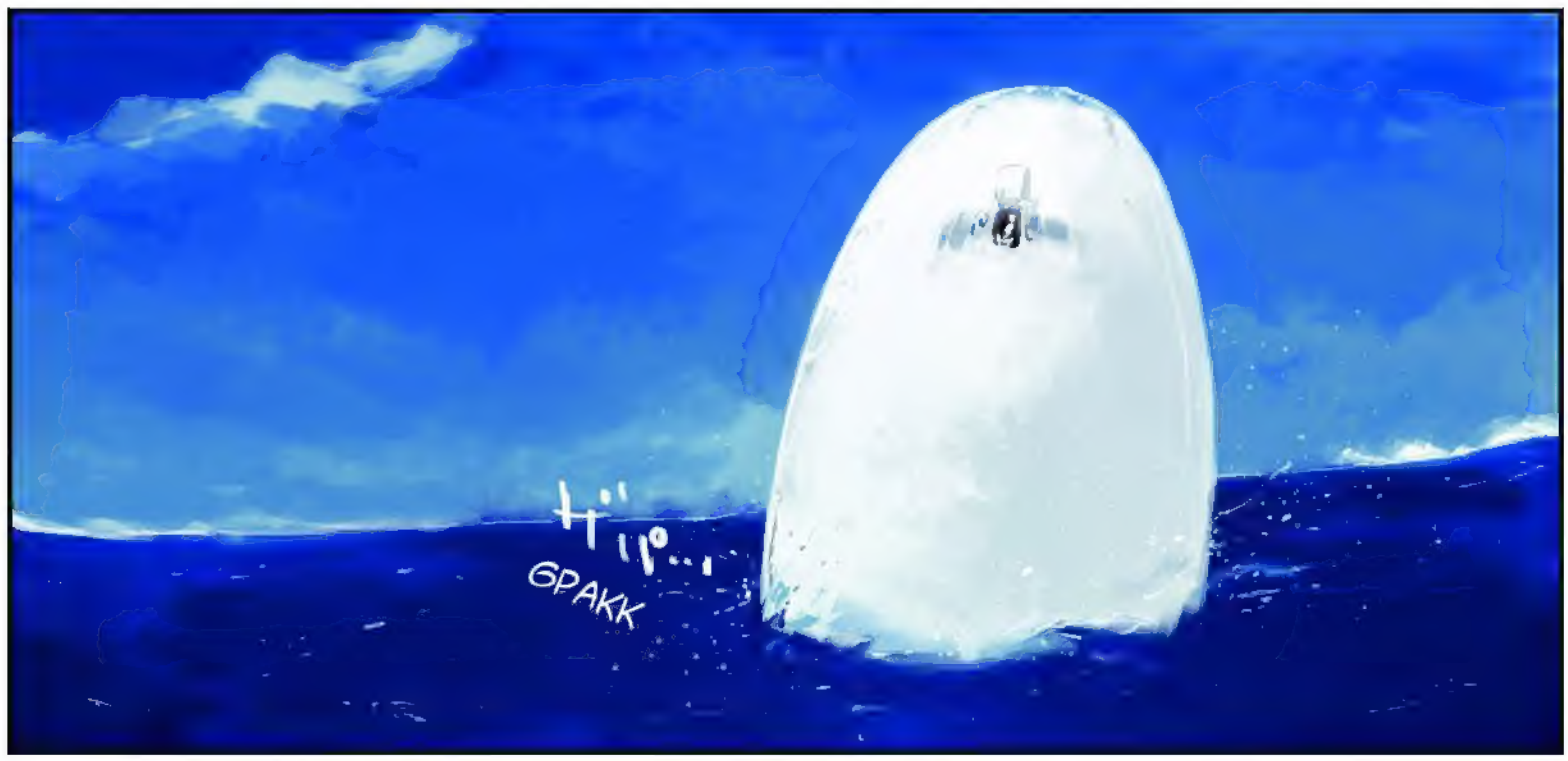
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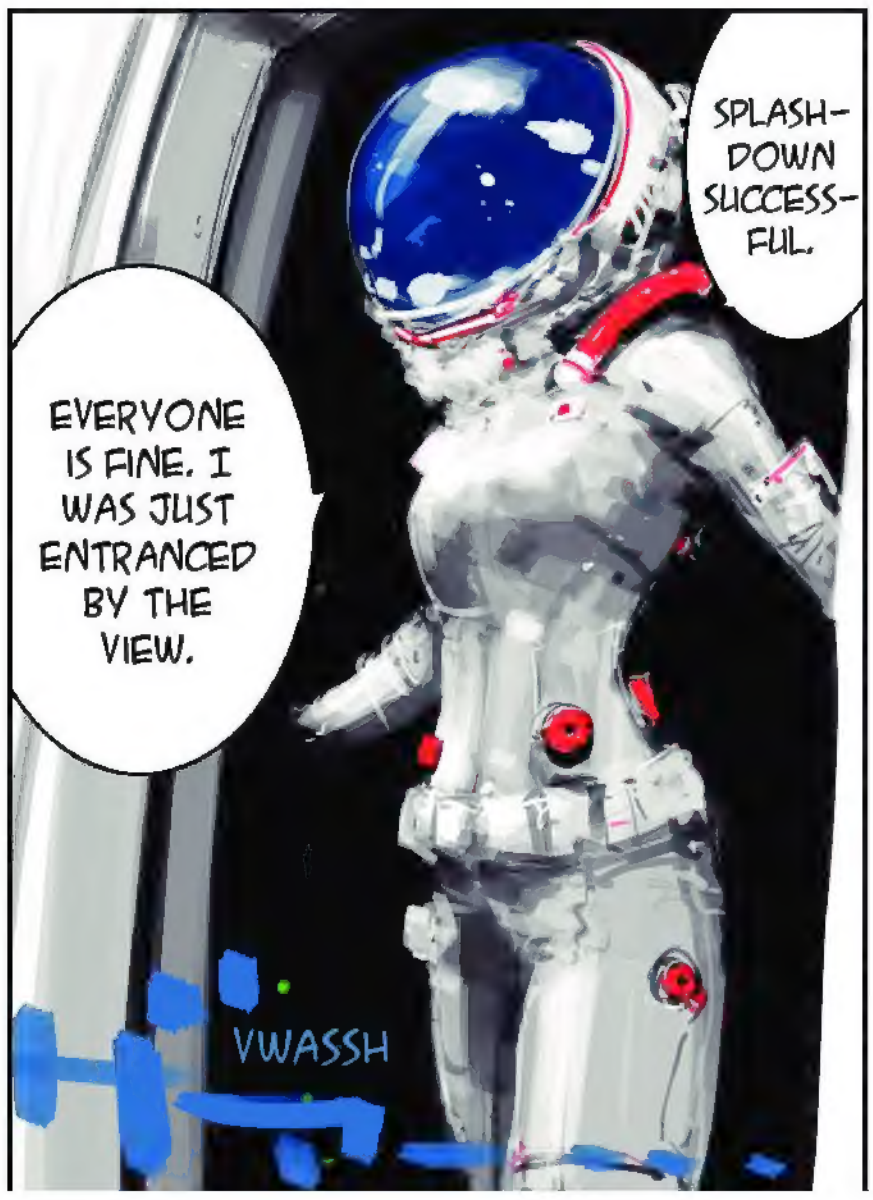
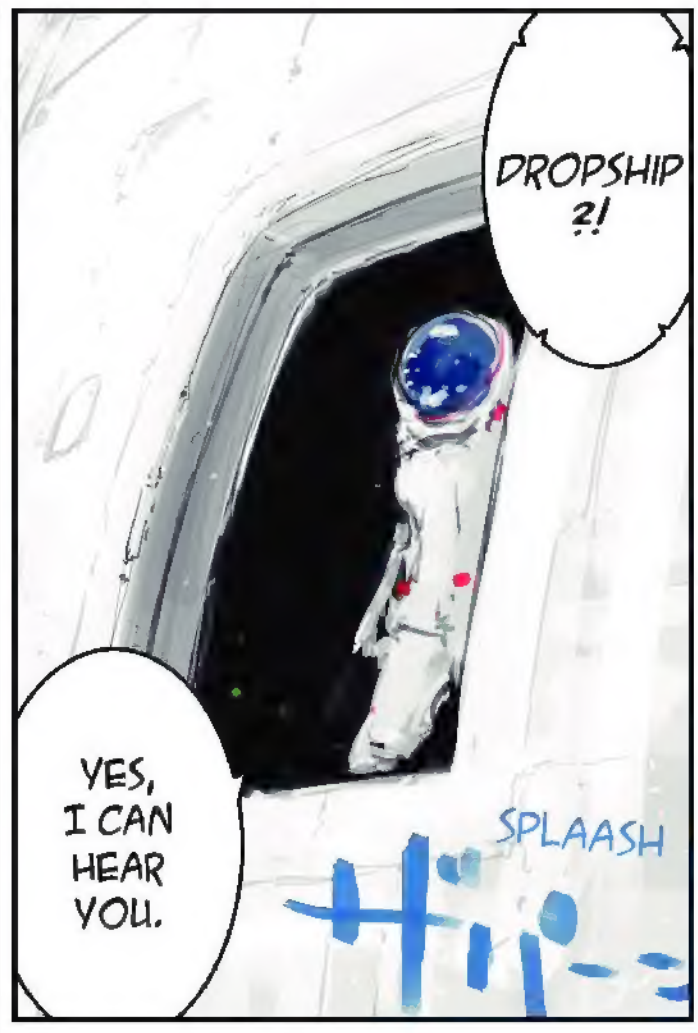

SPLASH-DOWN SUCCESS-FUL.
EVERYONE IS FINE. I WAS JUST ENTRANCED BY THE VIEW.
VWASSH


DROPSHIP ?!
YES, I CAN HEAR YOU.
SPLAASH

THAT GUY ...

IT'S A PIECE OF HEAVEN !!

HEY !

COME ON OUT AND JOIN ME!

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VWOSH

GLUBLUB

THANKS!

GO ON. I'LL LOOK AFTER THINGS HERE.

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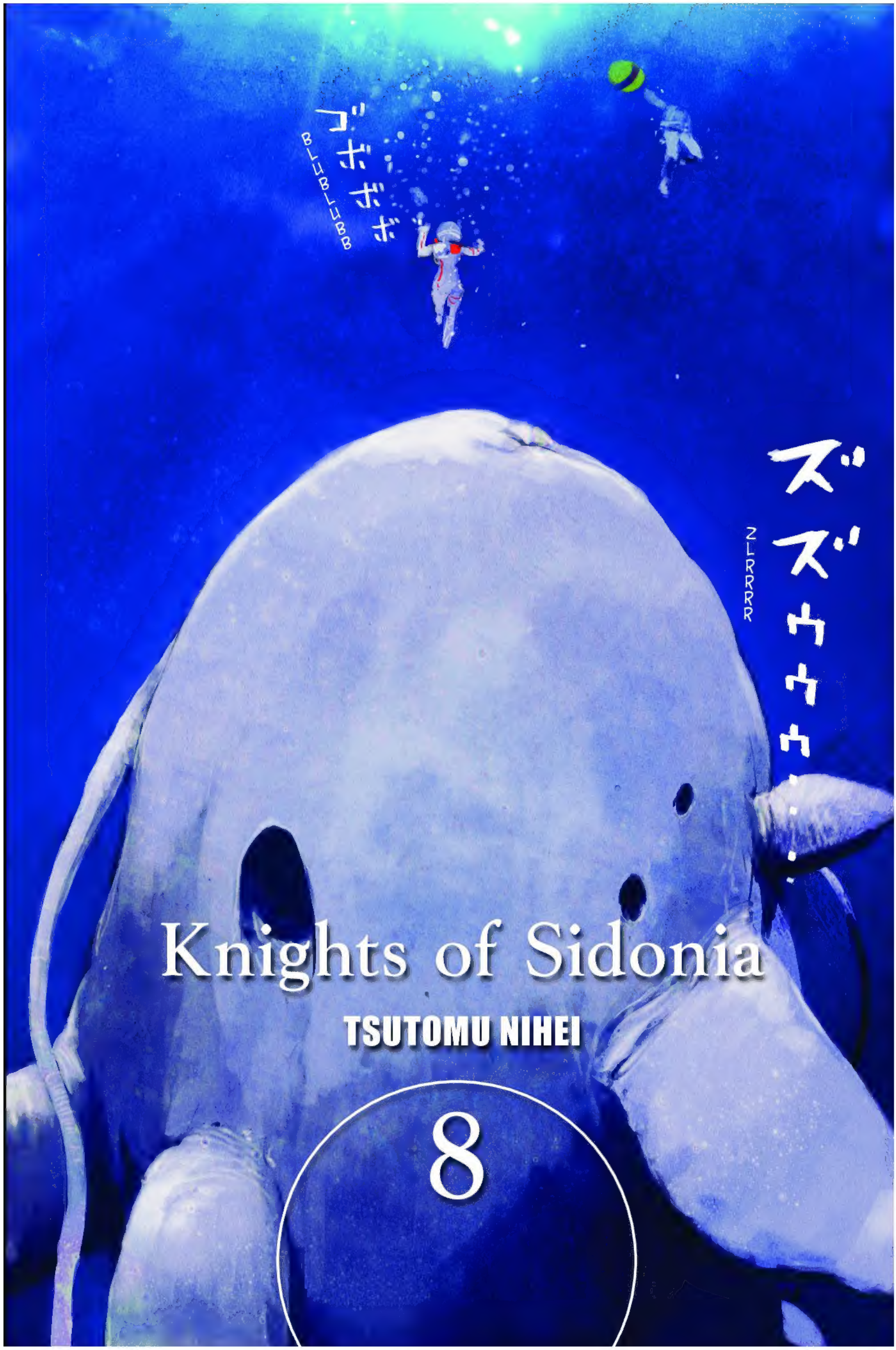
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Knights of Sidonia
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AAH, WHAT IS THIS?! *CHRRK*

WH- WHAT'S WRONG ?!

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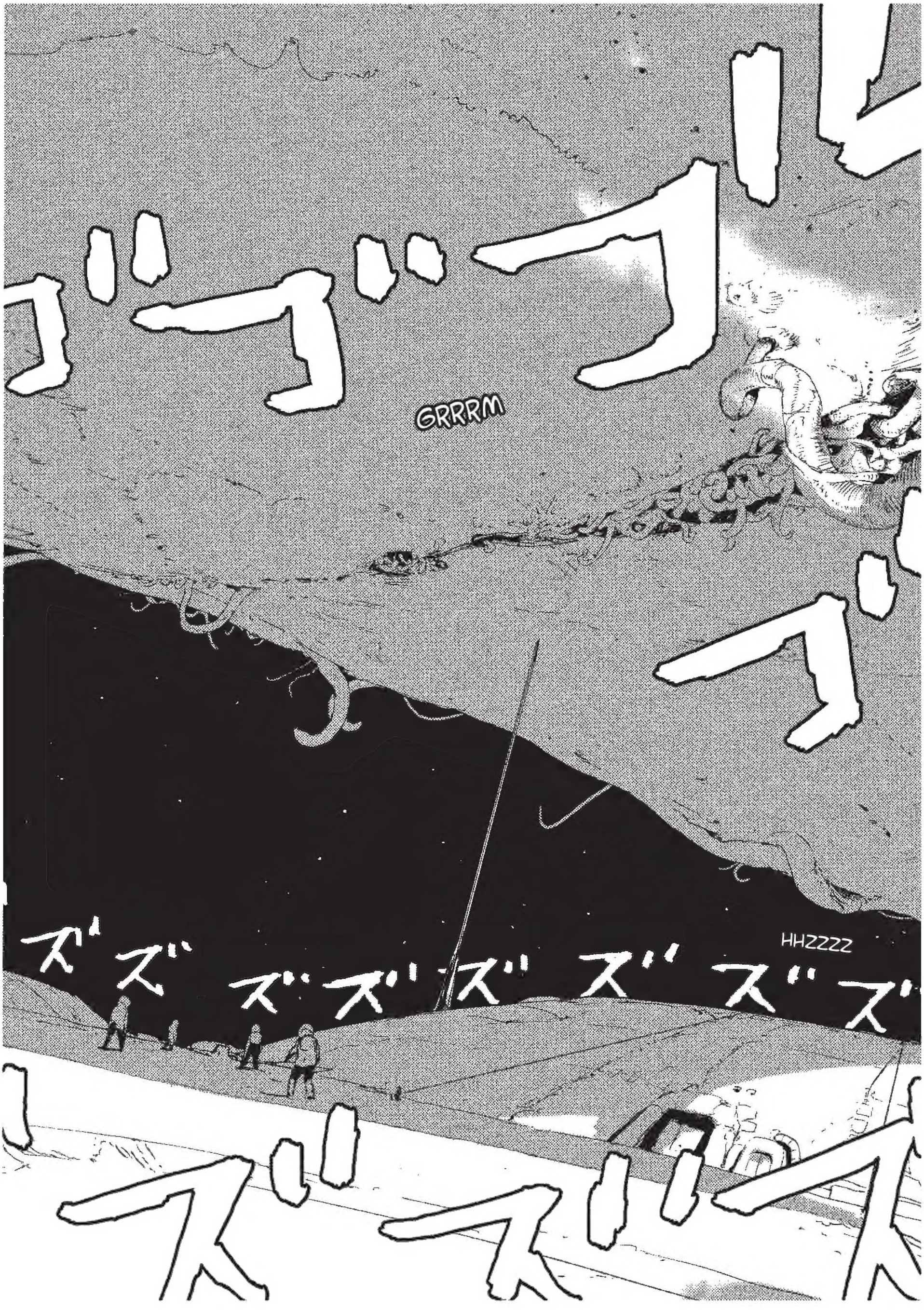
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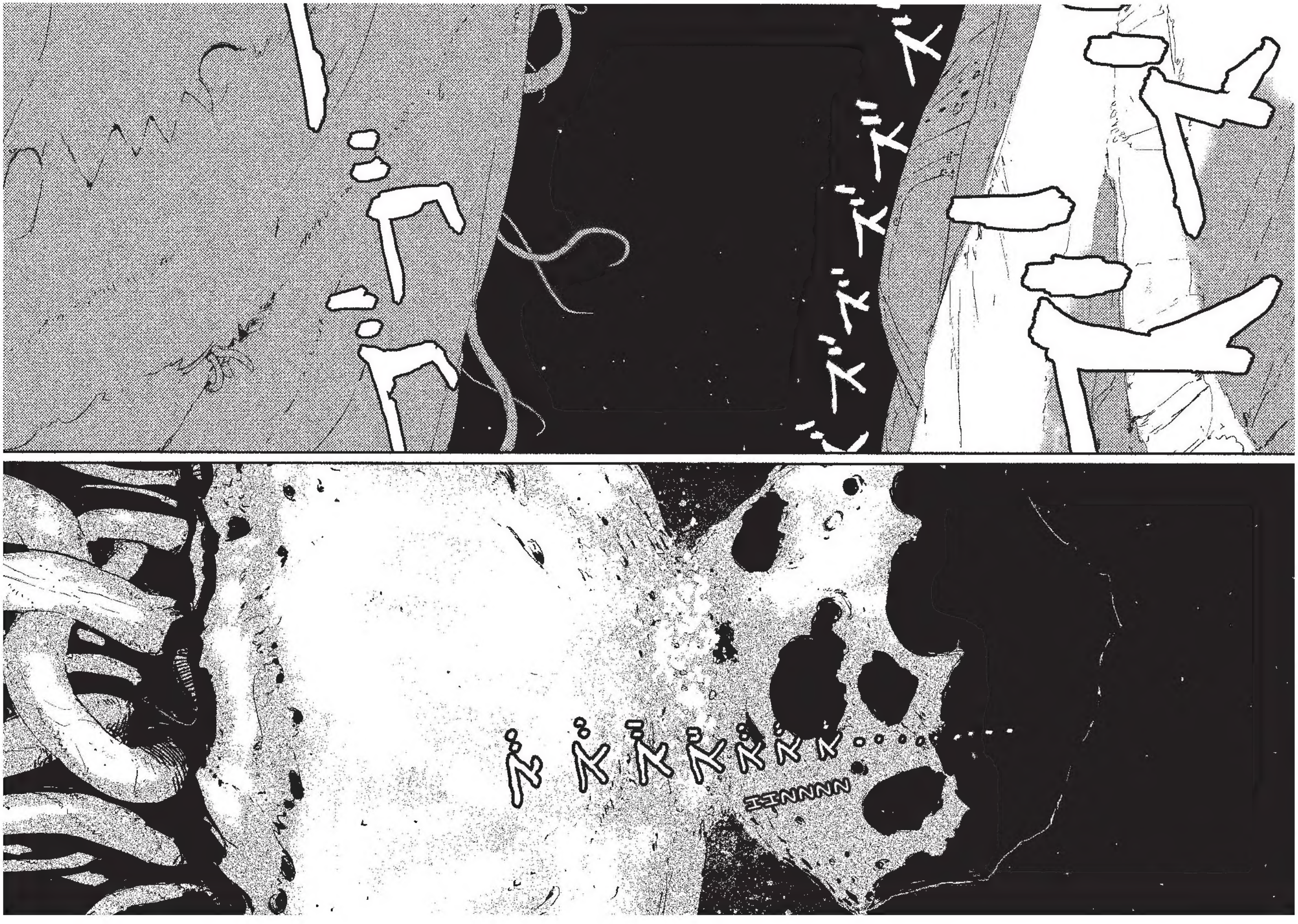

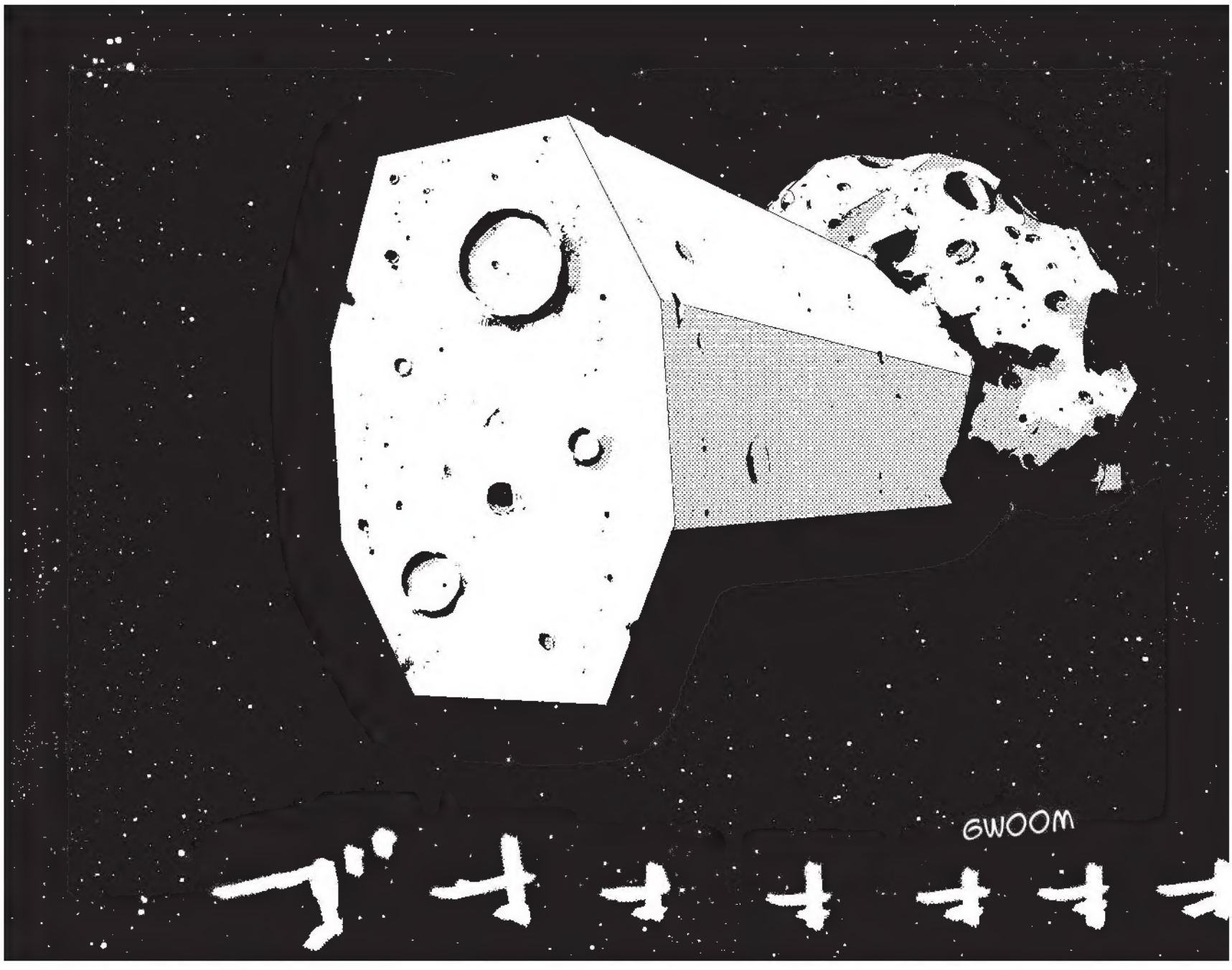
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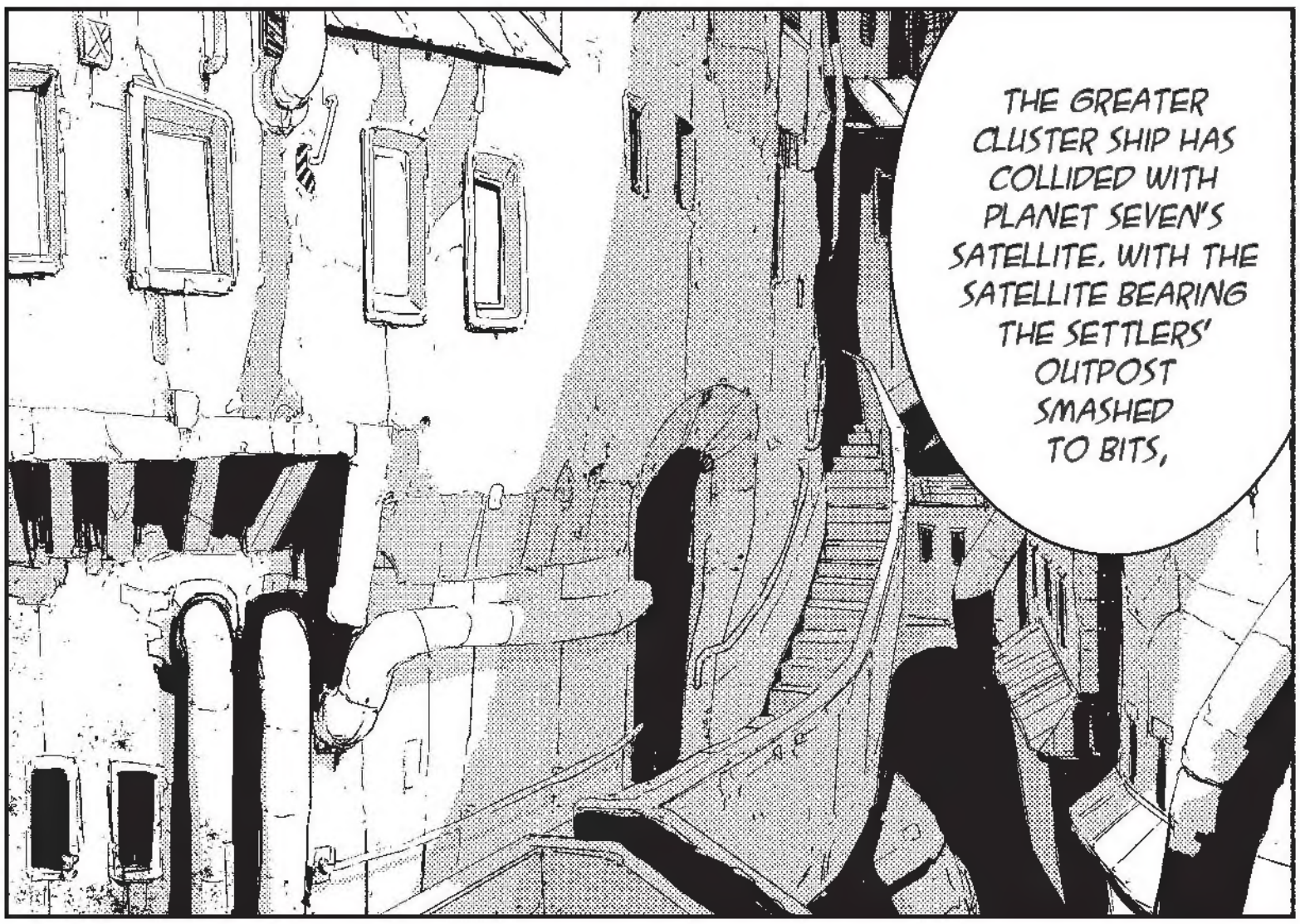
THE GREATER CLUSTER SHIP HAS COLLIDED WITH PLANET SEVEN'S SATELLITE. WITH THE SATELLITE BEARING THE SETTLERS' OUTPOST SMASHED TO BITS,

IN RESPONSE, SIDONIAN FORCES SUPREME COMMAND,

GREATER CLUSTER SHIP INVADES LEM STAR SYSTEM!!

GREATER CLUSTER SHIP

LEM

PLANET SEVEN

THERE IS LITTLE HOPE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE COLONISTS.

HAS DECLARED THAT AN ATTACK WILL BE MOUNTED ON THE GREATER CLUSTER SHIP AS SOON AS PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE.

STATING THAT "FROM NOW ON WE WILL MAKE THE FIRST MOVE WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE ENEMY TO ACT,"

CURRENTLY IN-PRODUCTION STATE-OF-THE-ART SERIES 19 GARDE UNITS WOULD NEED TO BE MOBILIZED IN A "MASSIVE AND EXTRAORDINARILY COMPLEX OPERATION."

ANALYSIS SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED OF THE

THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT AN INCREASE IN THE PRODUCTION OF HYBRIDS IS BEING CONSIDERED,

HYBRID

ALL THIS GET DECIDED ?!

JUST WHEN DID

MY GOODNESS ...

NO DOUBT BODING FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON ENERGY DISTRIBUTION TO THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

TEA
WATER
BOOTH

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED.

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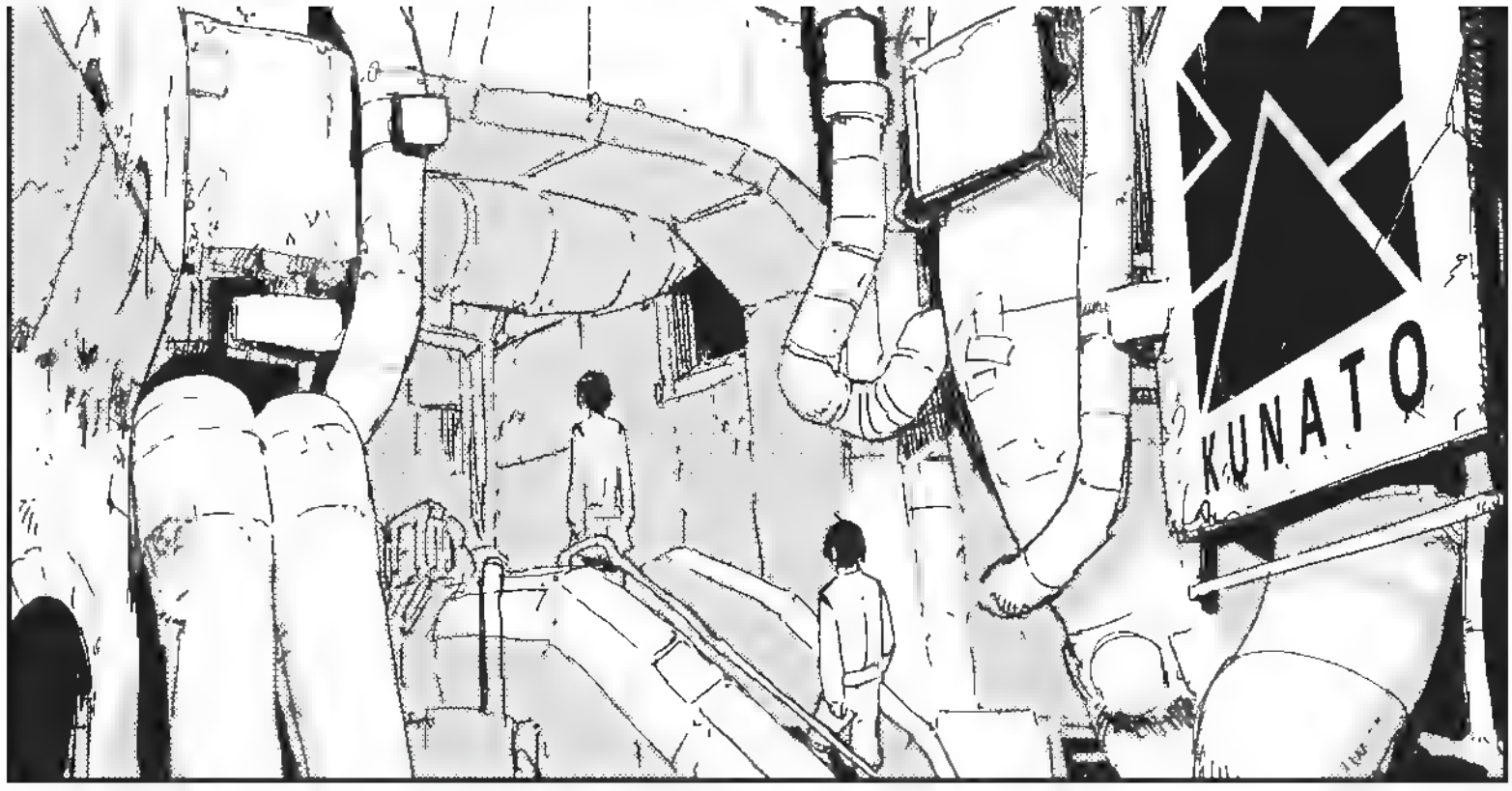
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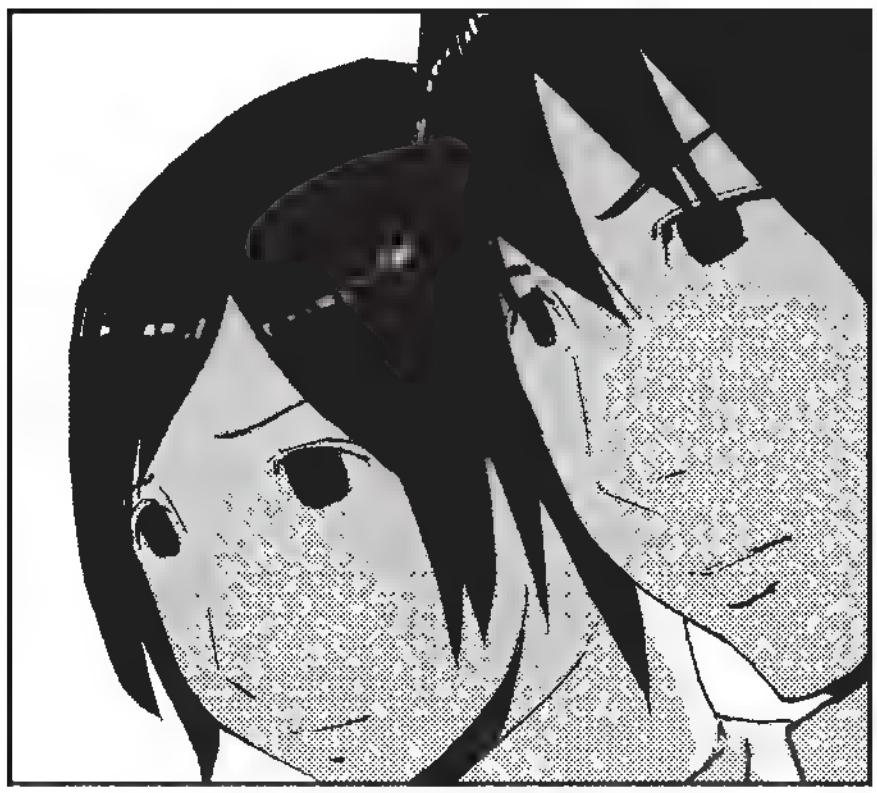
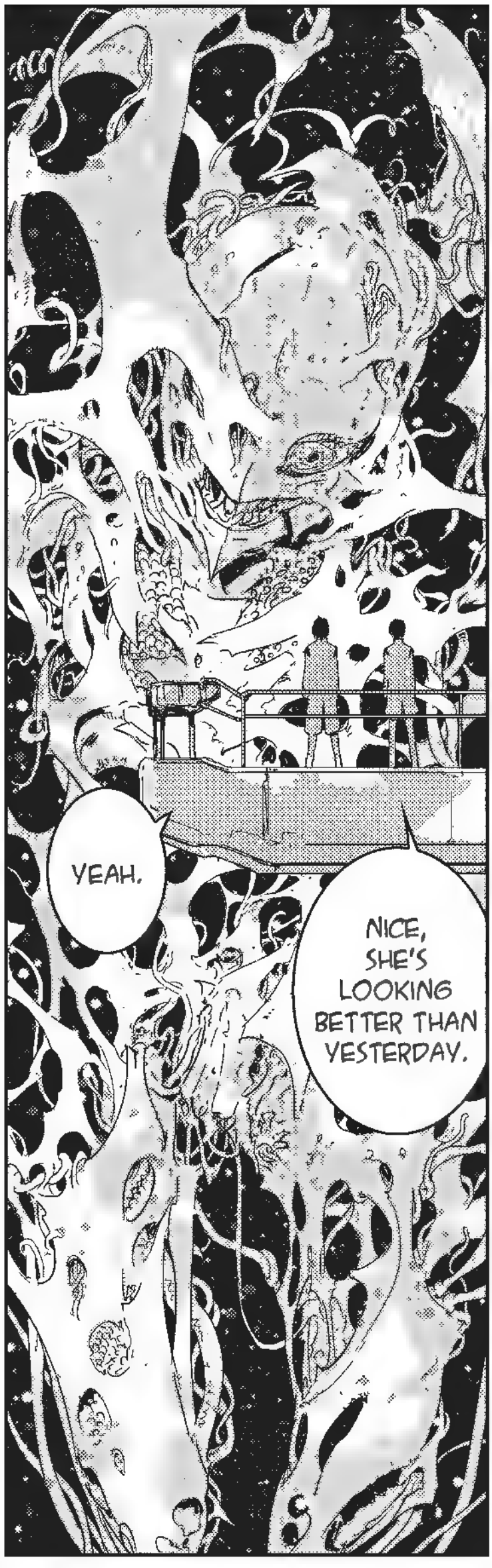


Thank you for protecting Sidonia. Please get well soon
We'll be Waiting!
Thank you

WOW... THERE'S EVEN MORE NOW.

I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL HER THANKS ...


YEAH.
NICE, SHE'S LOOKING BETTER THAN YESTERDAY.

THEY'VE UPDATED THE PILOT COMBAT RATIONS!

LET'S GO TRY THEM OUT!

TANIKAZE !

I'LL PASS.

I'VE GOT NO APPETITE LATELY.

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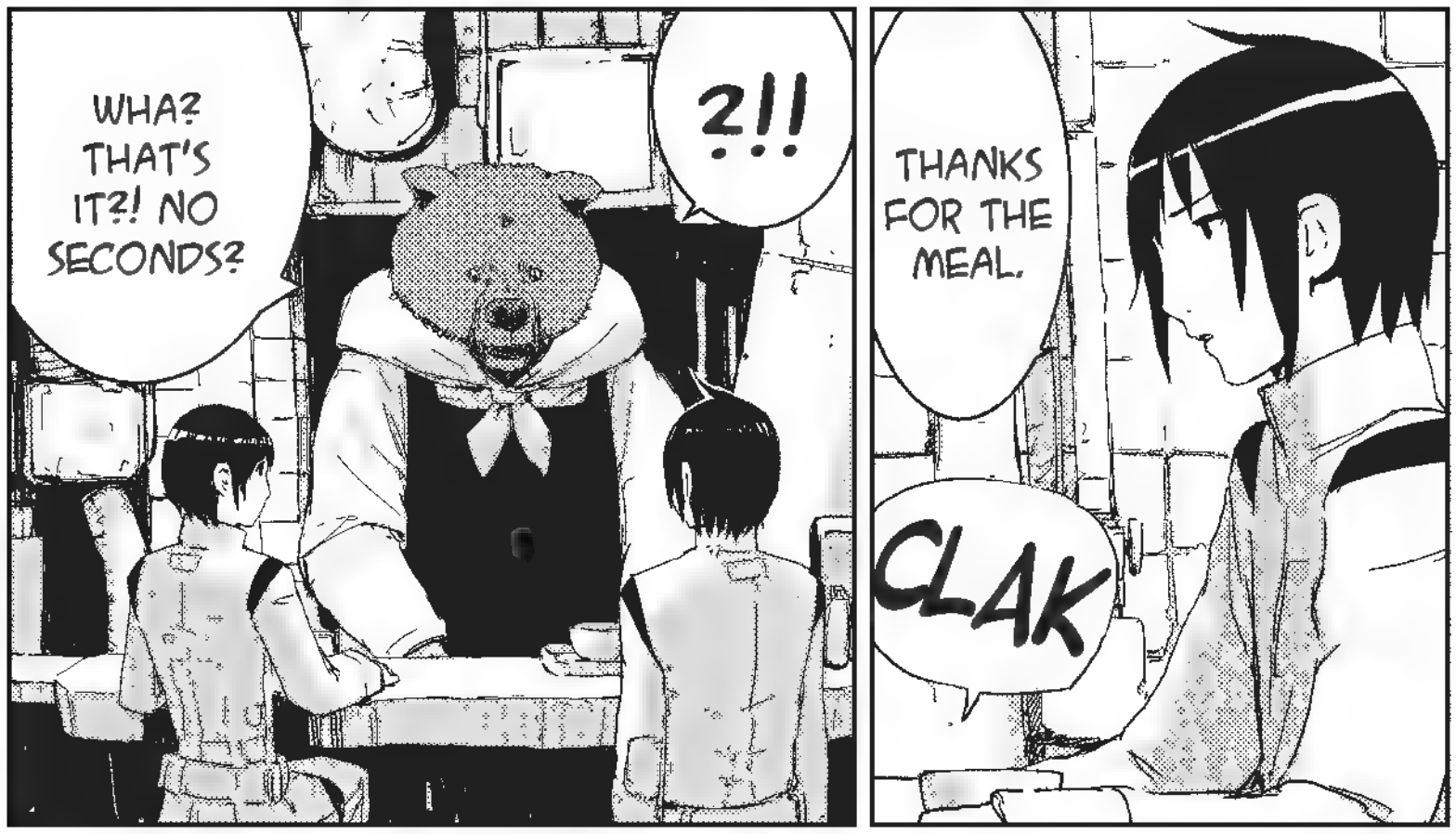
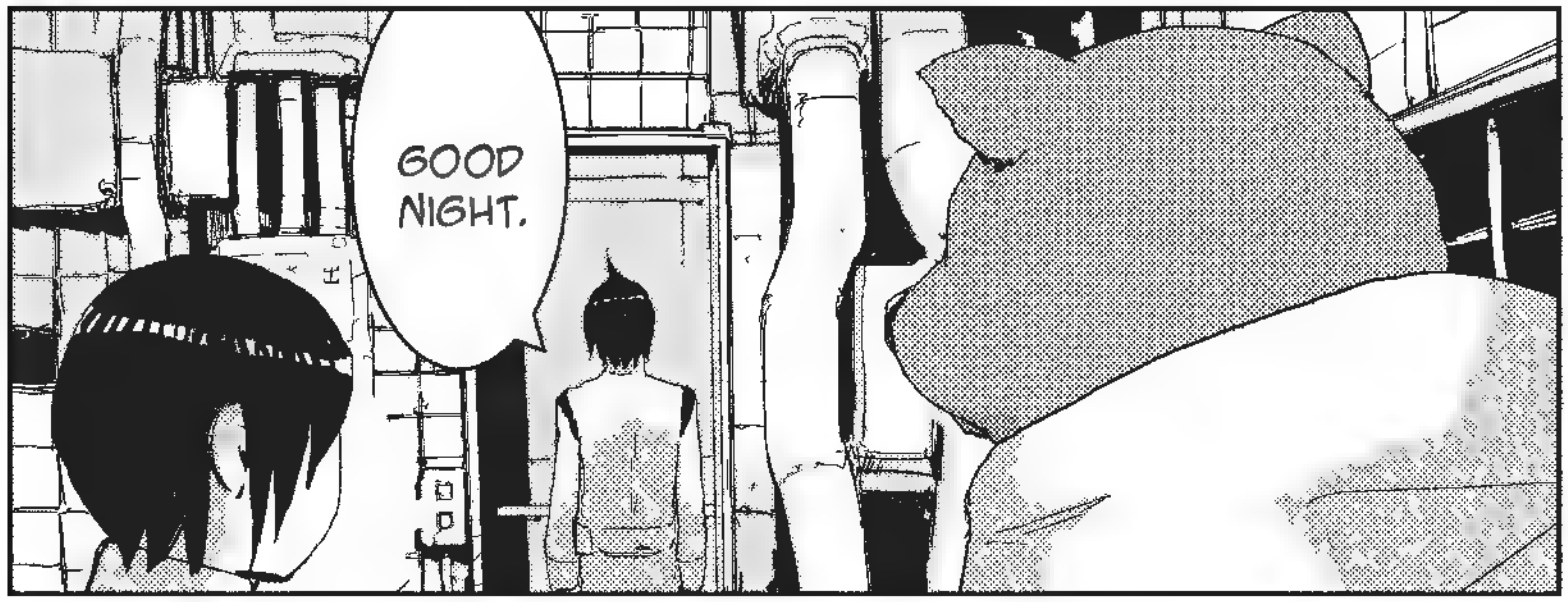

WHA? THAT'S IT?! NO SECONDS?
?!!
THANKS FOR THE MEAL.
CLAK


GOOD NIGHT.

LEAVE HIM BE, AND HE'LL BE WELL SOON ENOUGH.
WELL, WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS BEFORE.
I HOPE HE'S OKAY.

ARE YOU HERE FOR ANOTHER VISIT TODAY?

MR. NAGATE TANIKAZE.

UM, YEAH.

HER PLACENTA HAS MOSTLY HEALED, AND WE'RE JUST WAITING FOR HER TO REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS. TEE HEE HEE!

TSUMUGI HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED OVER TO A STANDARD TANK.

THANK YOU!

PWEEM

BOOM

REALLY !!

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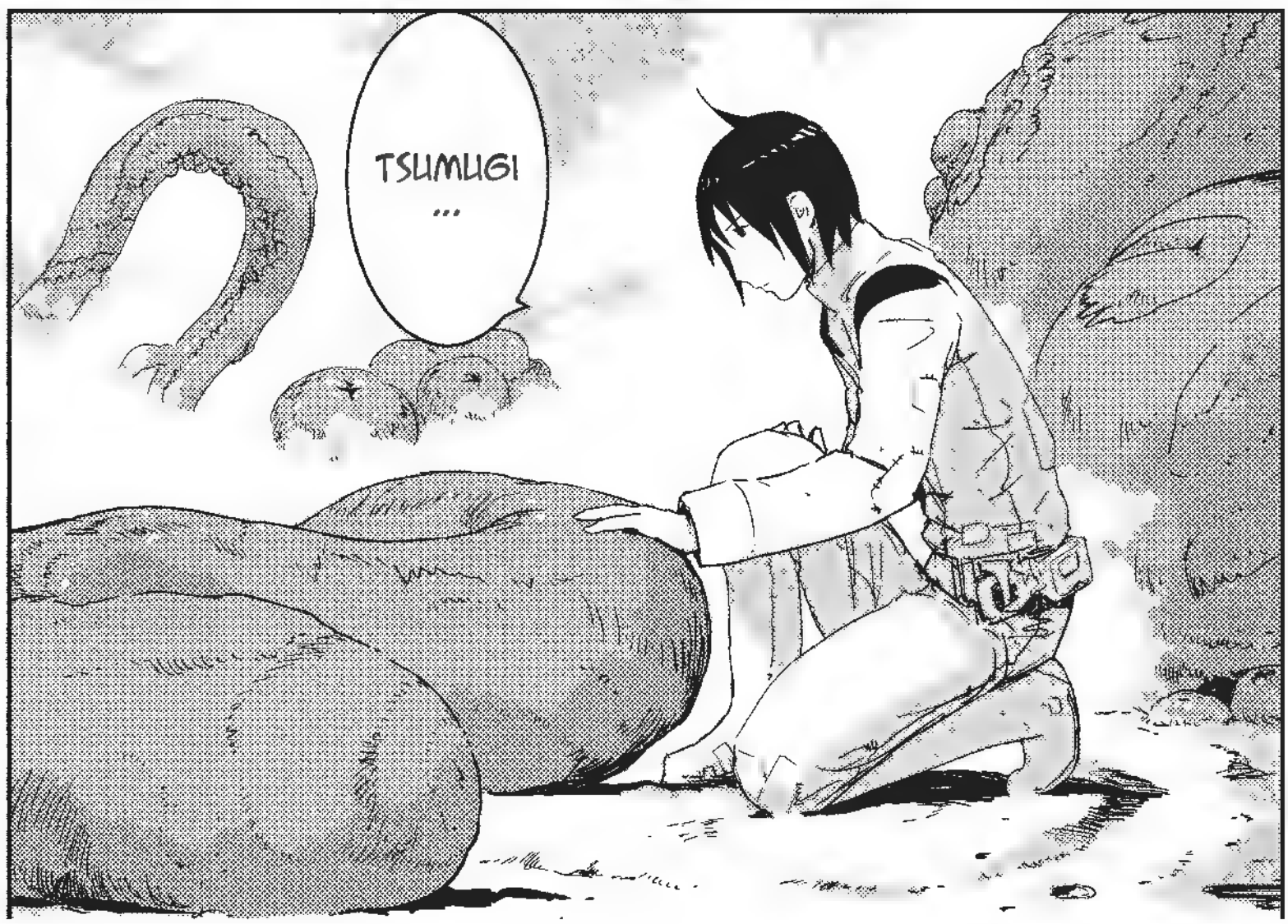
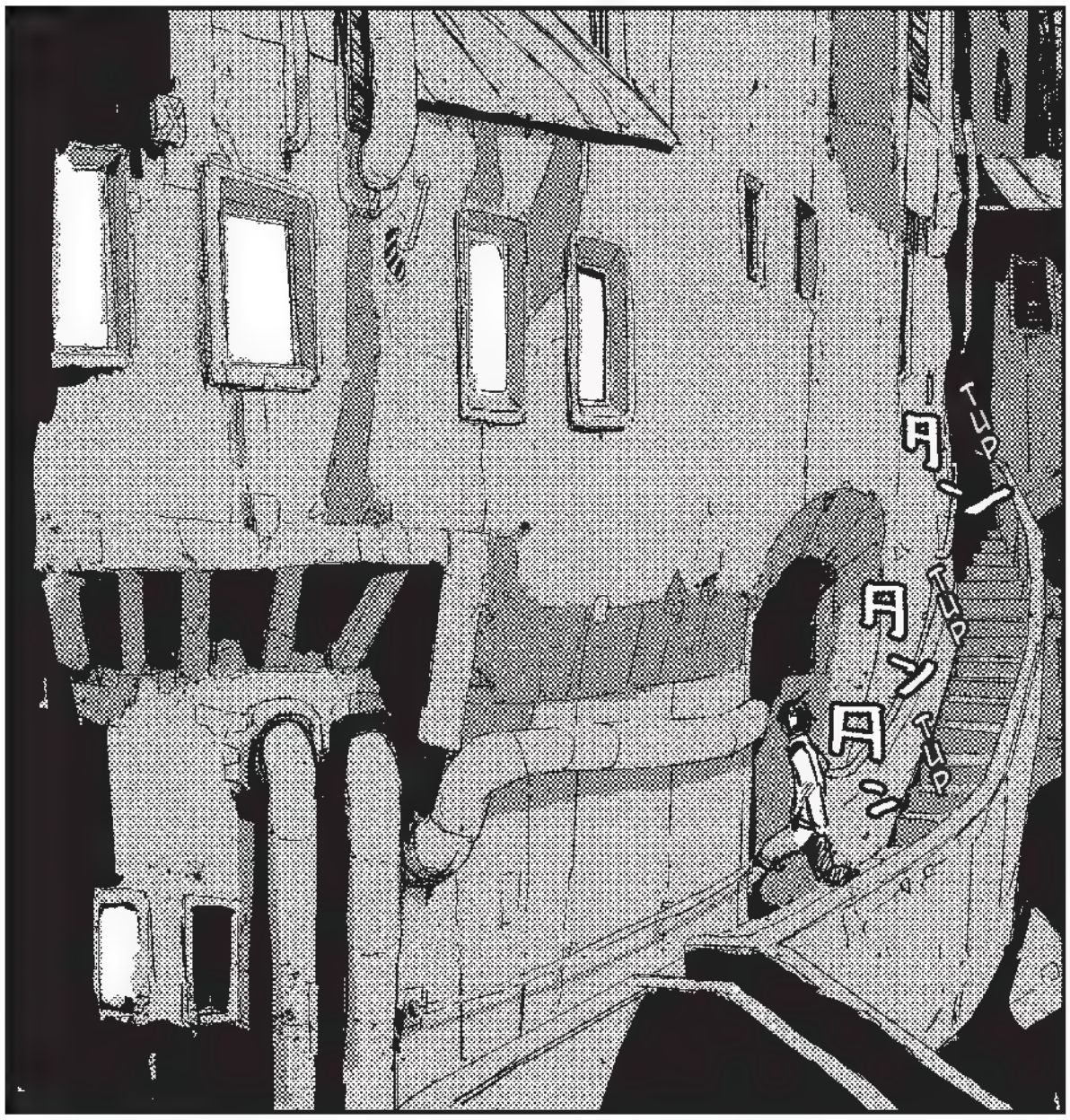
GUPLUP

SHE MOVED !!


TSUMUGI ...

YAHOO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SHE MOVED !!

SEE ?
MANNERS, NAGATE !!
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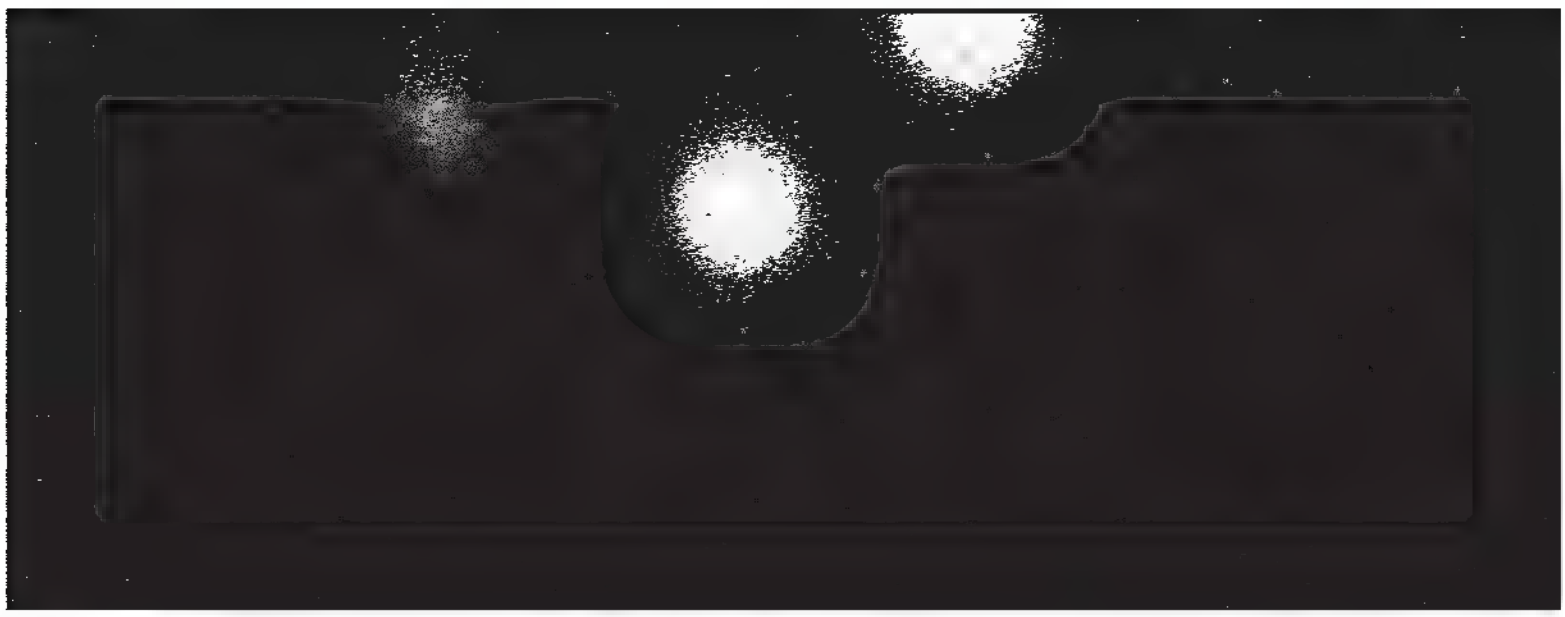
GOOD NIGHT.
NIGHT, TANI-KAZE.



TANIKAZE.

HOSHIJIRO
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SQUEEZE

HOSHIJIRO
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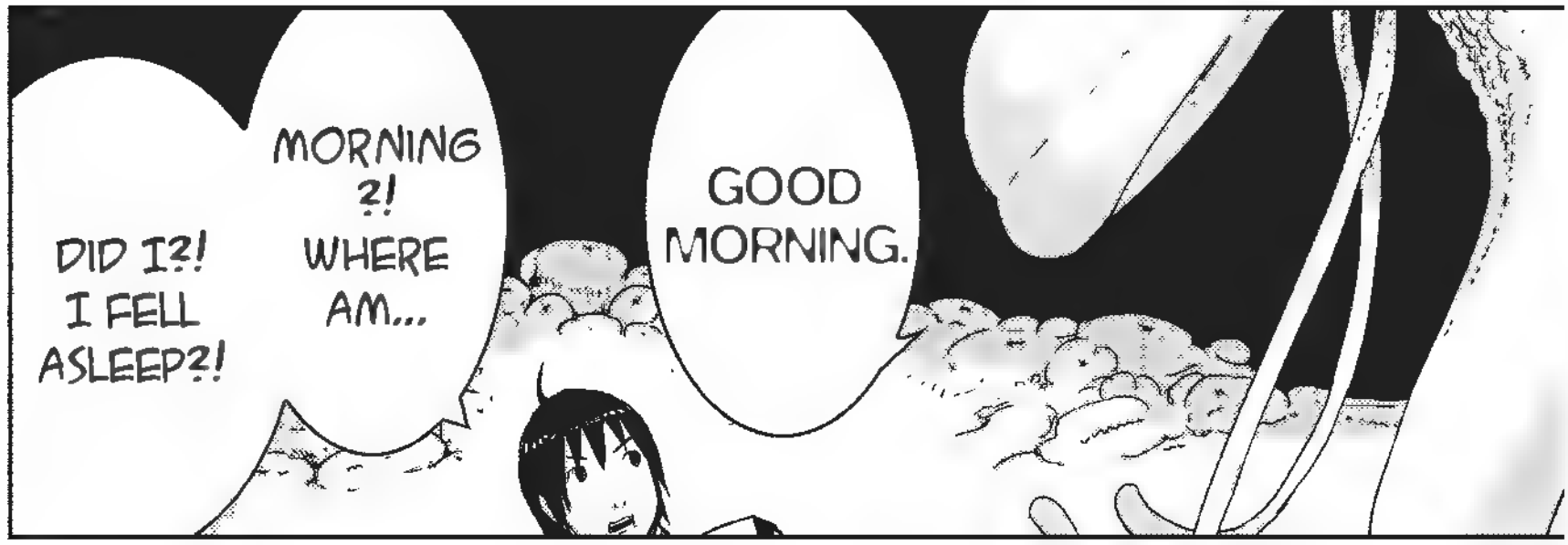
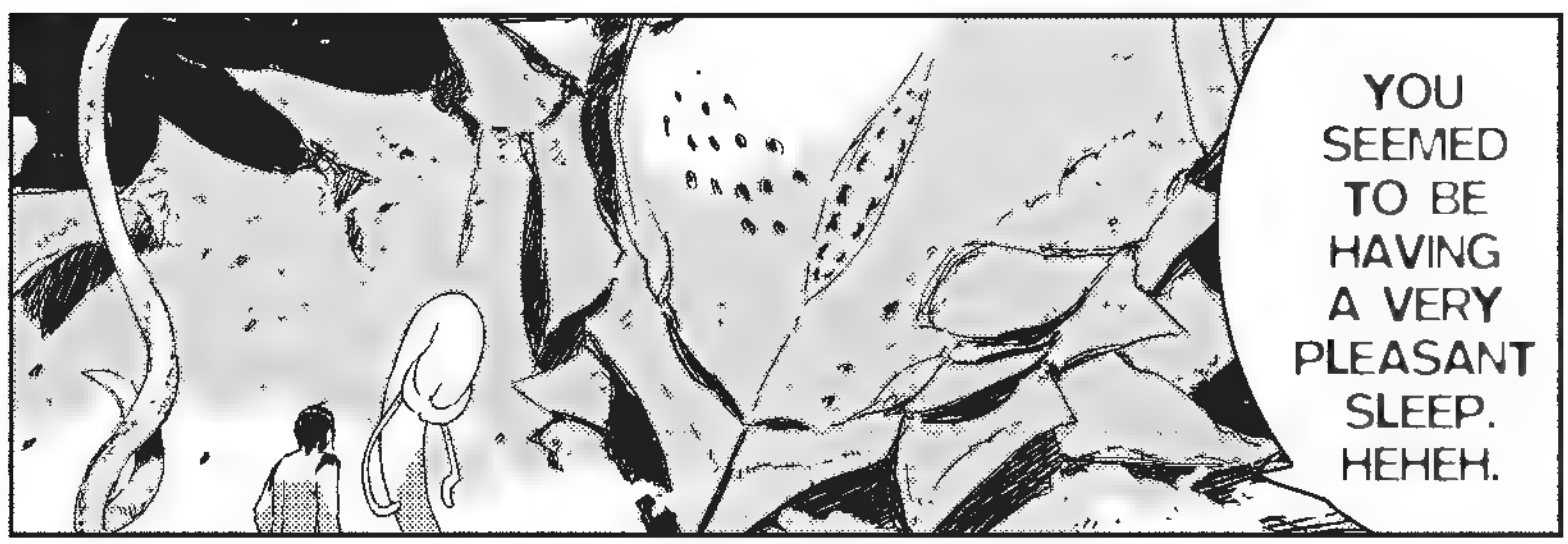
MR. TANI-KAZE ...

HUH ?!!
WHUMP


DID I?! I FELL ASLEEP?!
MORNING ?! WHERE AM...
GOOD MORNING.


YOU SEEMED TO BE HAVING A VERY PLEASANT SLEEP. HEHEH.

TSUMUGI ...

YOU'VE REGAINED CONSCIOUS-NESS!!

OH, I'M SO GLAD.

EEEP!

SQUEEZE

M-MR. TANIKAZE, P-PLEASE!

MEOW

PERFECT TIMING.

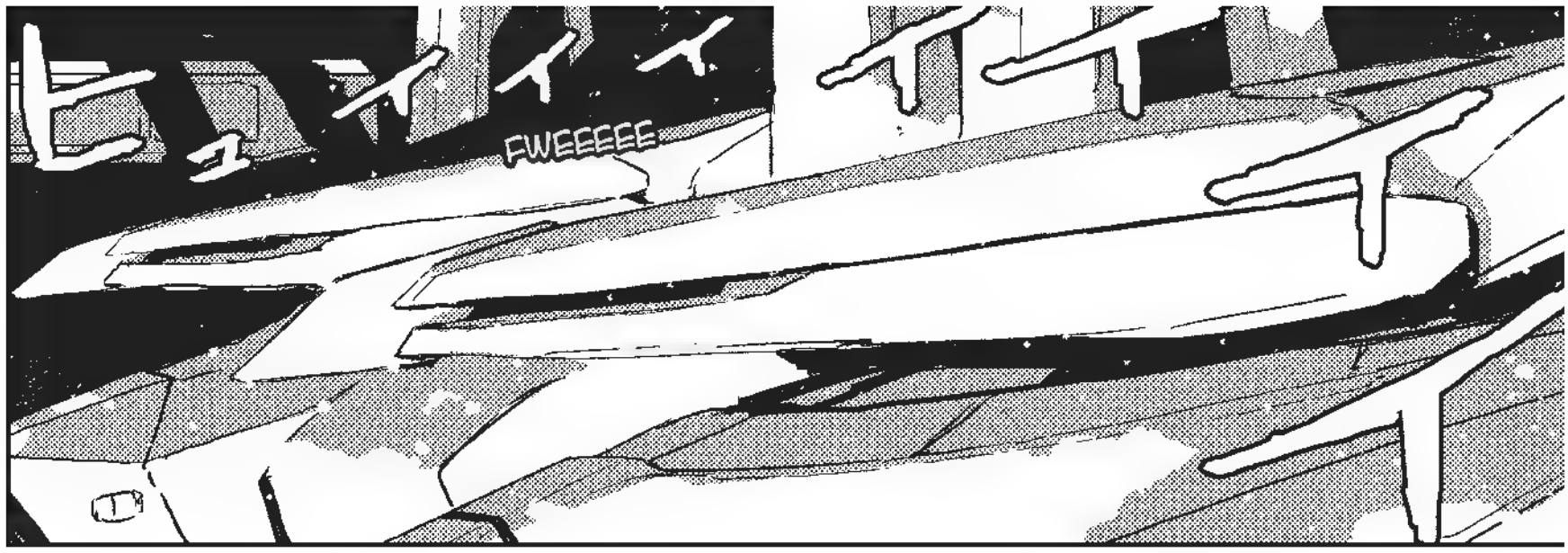
Y- YOU'VE COME AROUND, TSUMUGI.

IZANA!

WOW !

HERE, I BROUGHT ONE.

HEEK!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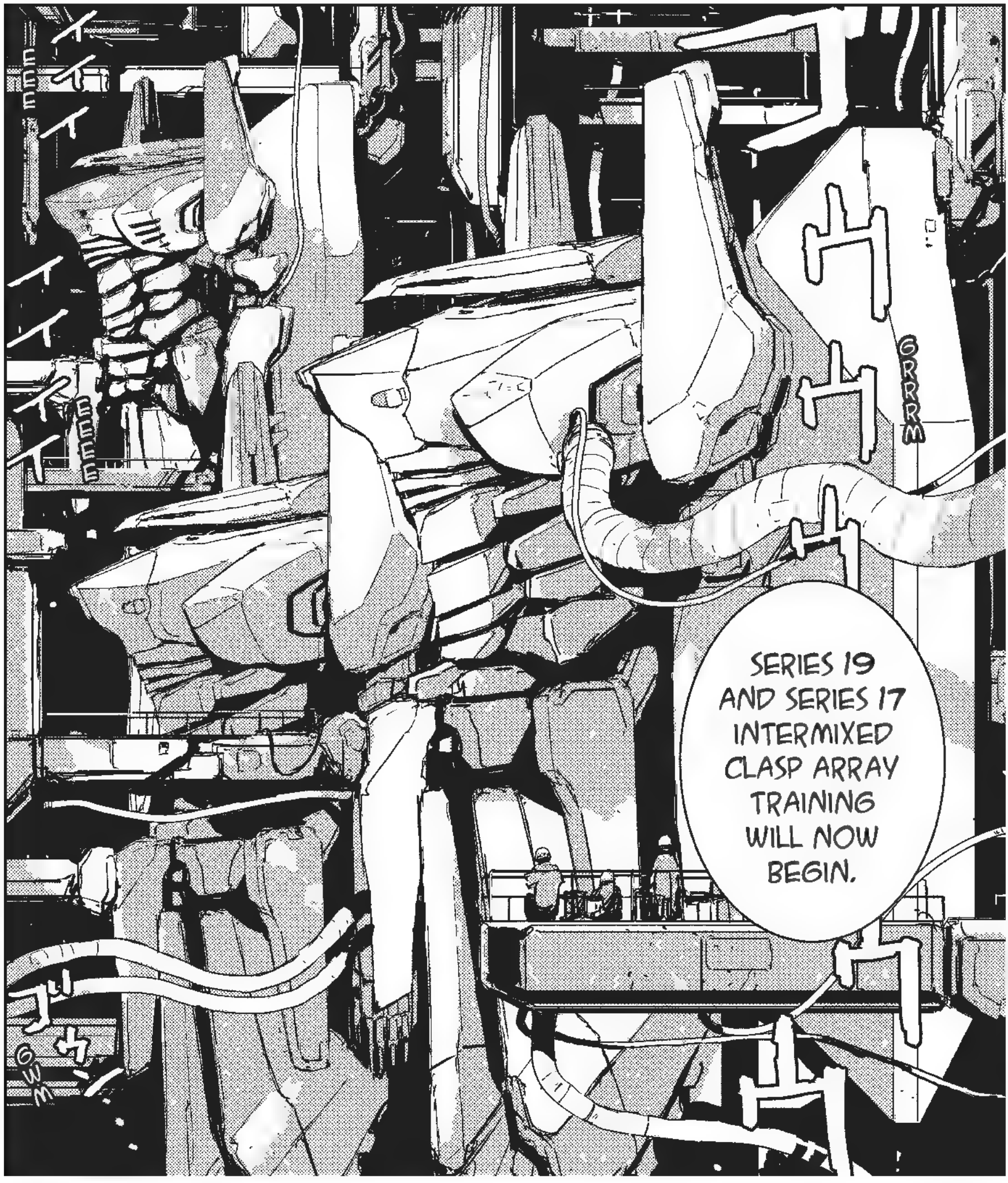
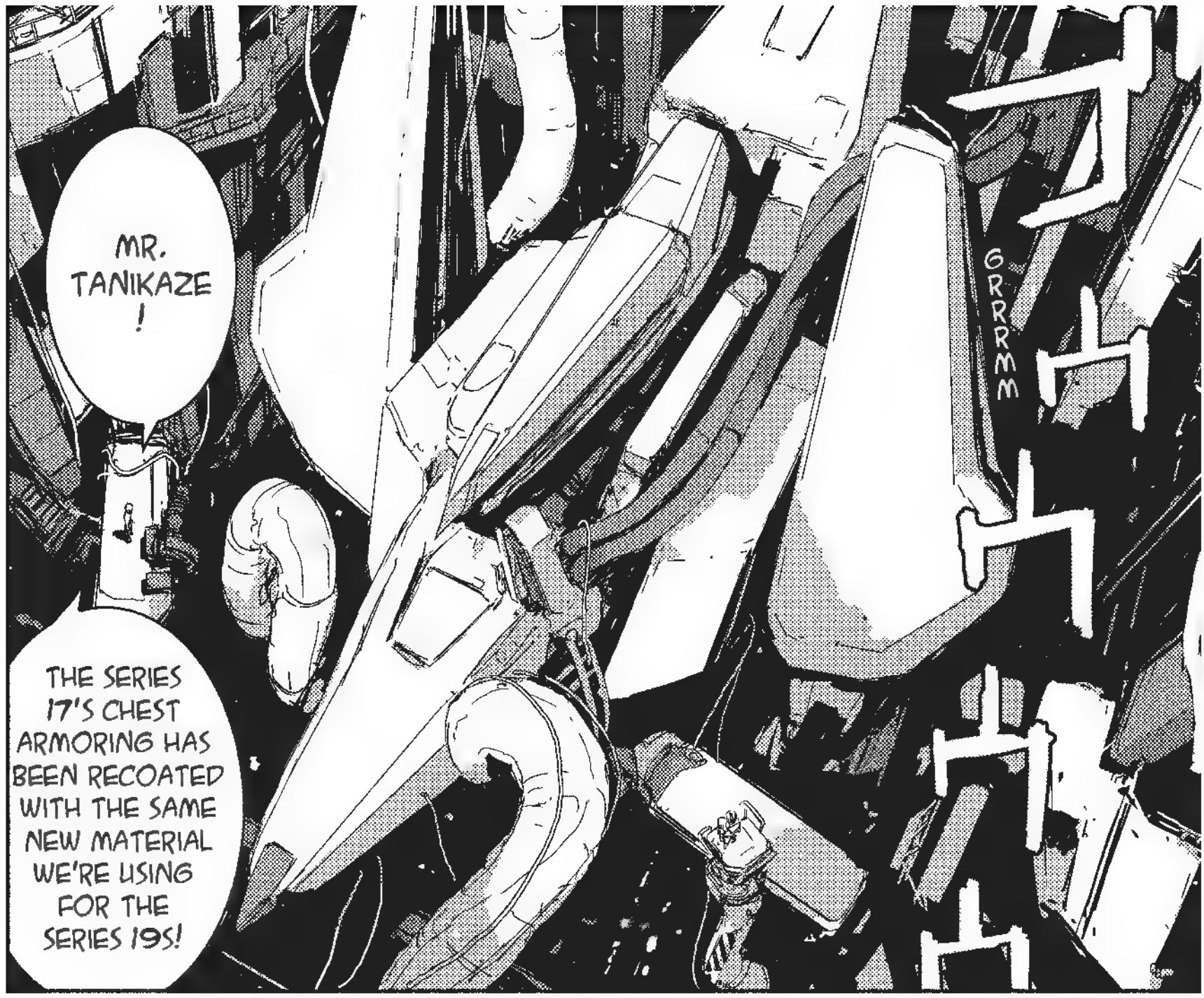

SERIES 19 AND SERIES 17 INTERMIXED CLASP ARRAY TRAINING WILL NOW BEGIN.

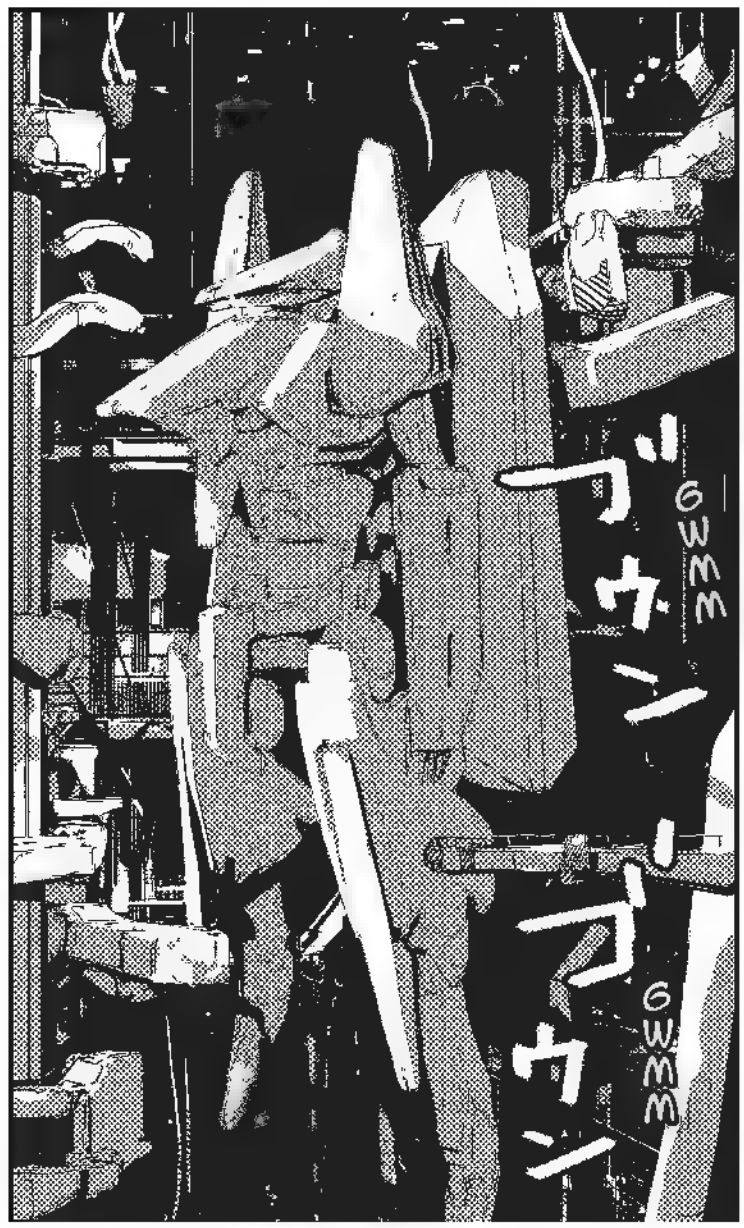
I'VE MODIFIED THE PILOT UNIFORMS AS WELL.

A KATANA MADE FROM LEFTOVER SYNTHETIC KABI.

WELL... YOU'D HARDLY EVER USE IT, SO THINK OF IT AS A GOOD-LUCK CHARM.

THEY'RE DESIGNED WITH FIGHTING OUTSIDE THE UNITS IN MIND.


MR. TANIKAZE !
THE SERIES 17'S CHEST ARMORING HAS BEEN RECOATED WITH THE SAME NEW MATERIAL WE'RE USING FOR THE SERIES 195!
GRRRMM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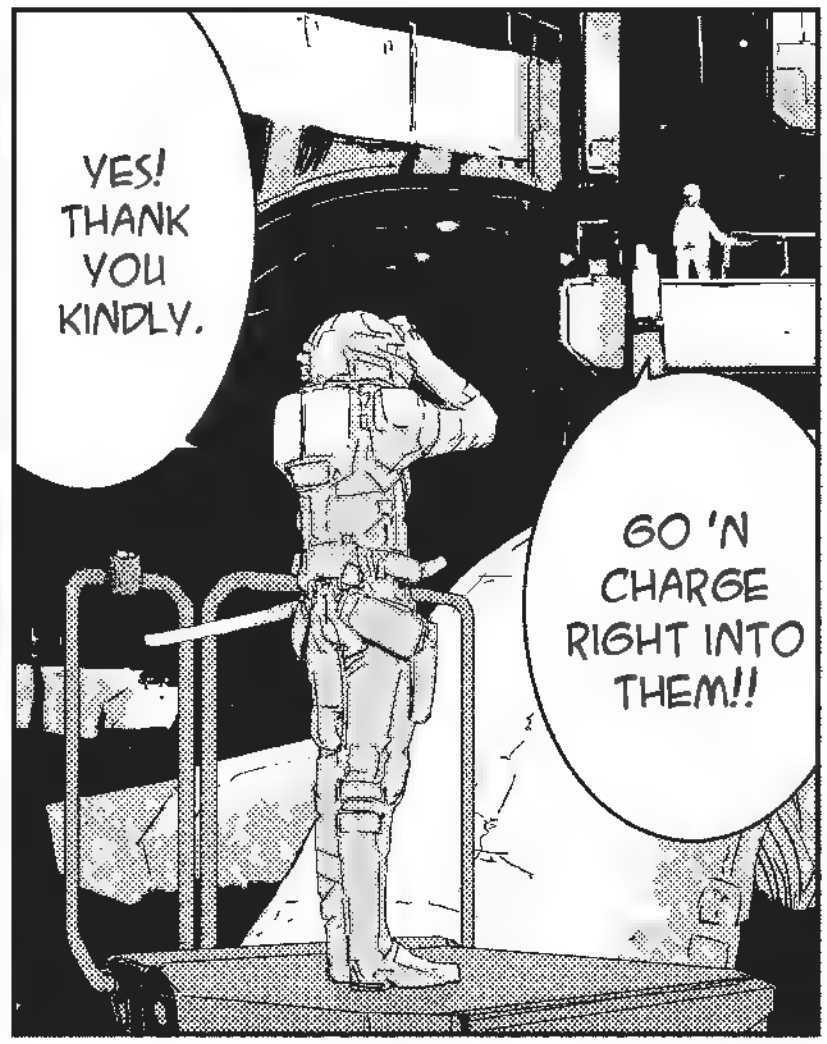
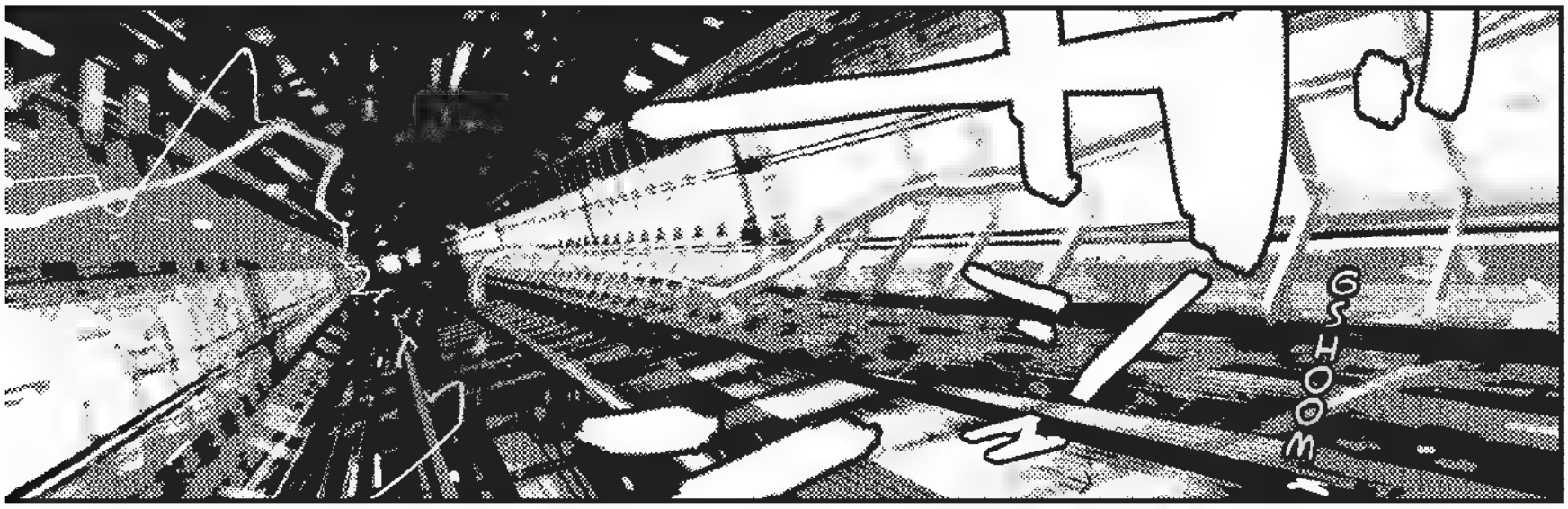

YES! THANK YOU KINDLY.
GO 'N CHARGE RIGHT INTO THEM!!

GREEEEE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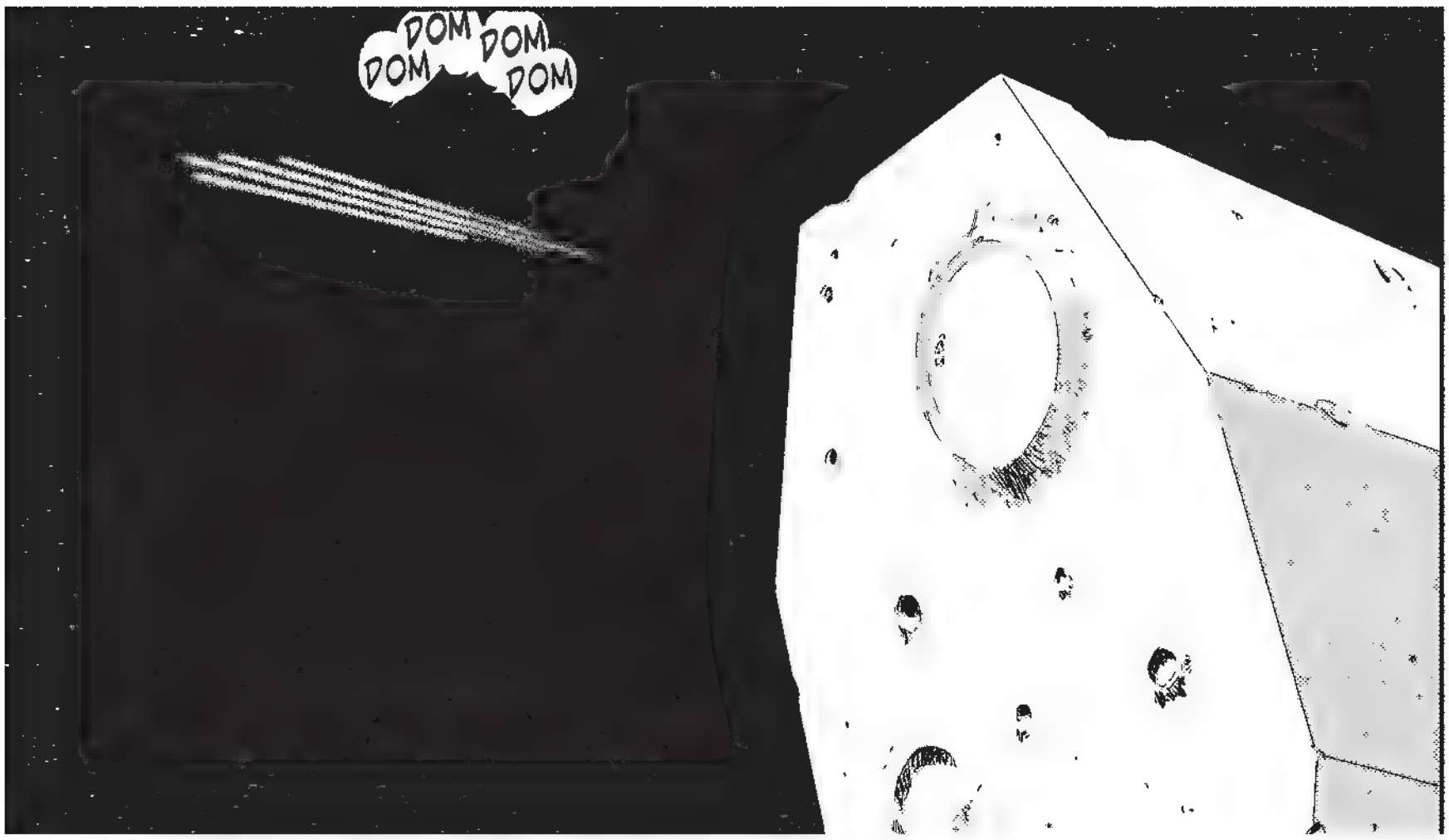
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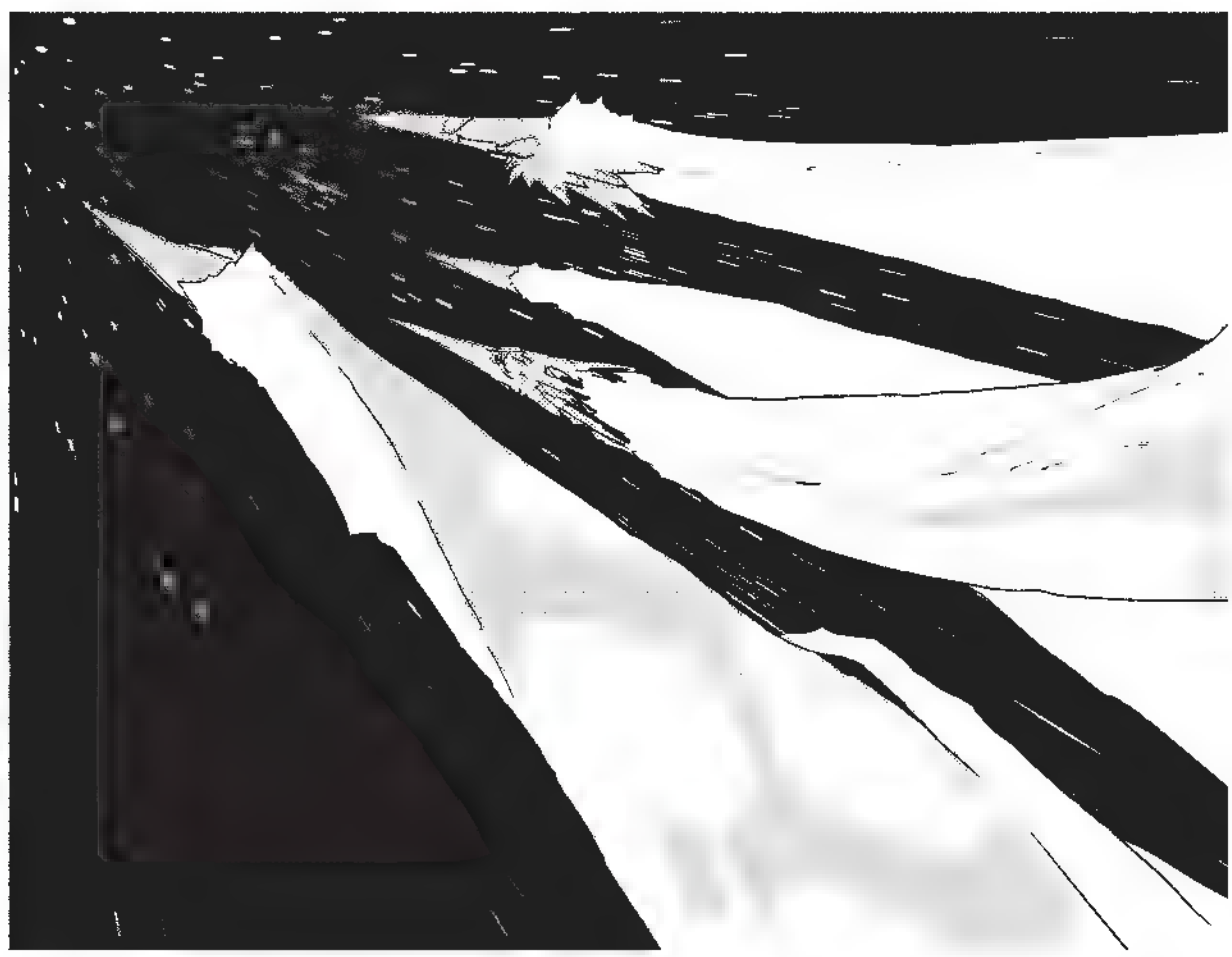

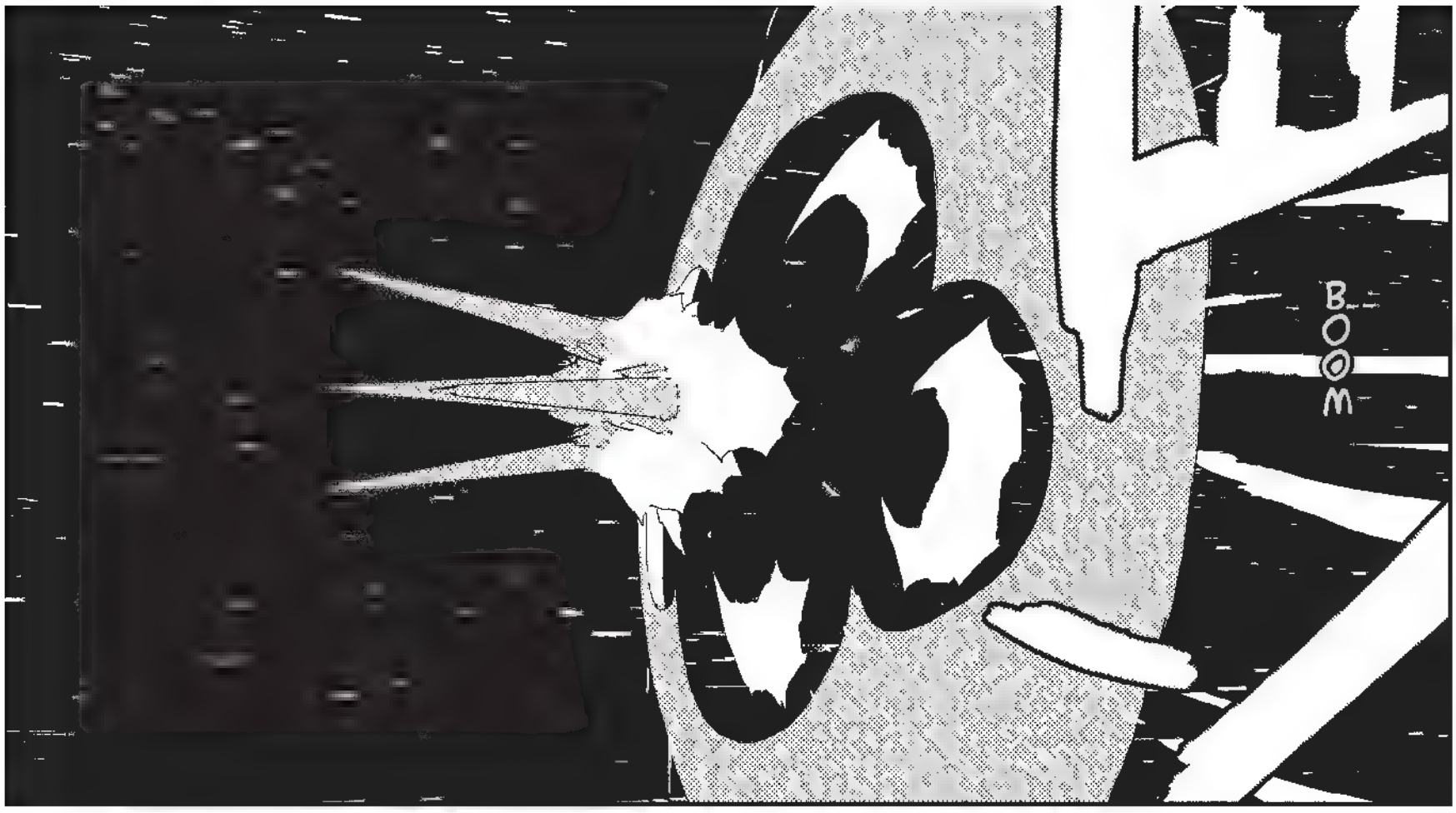
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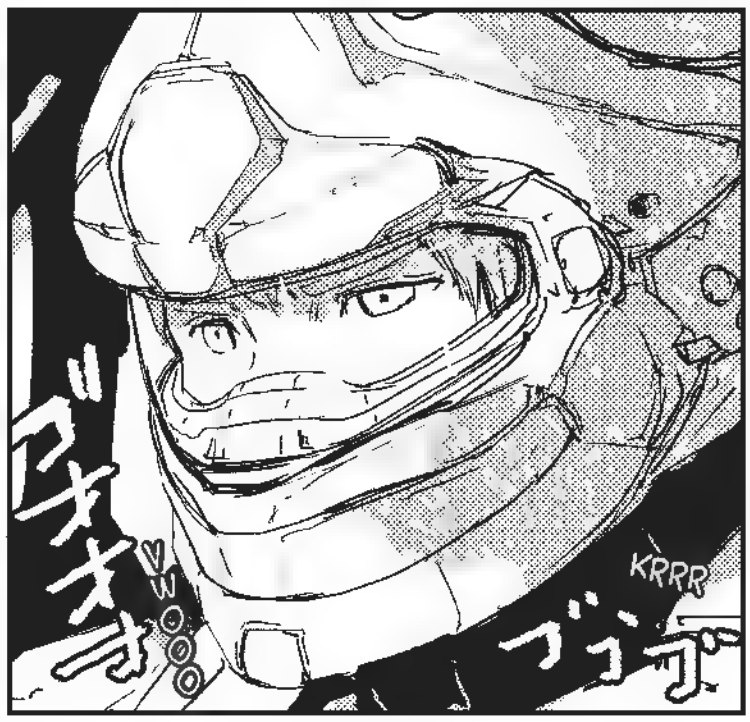
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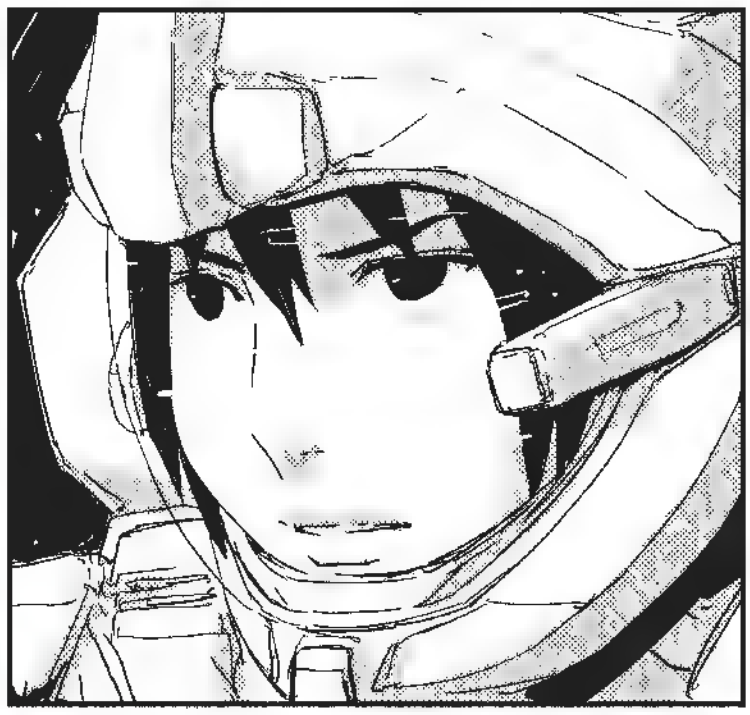

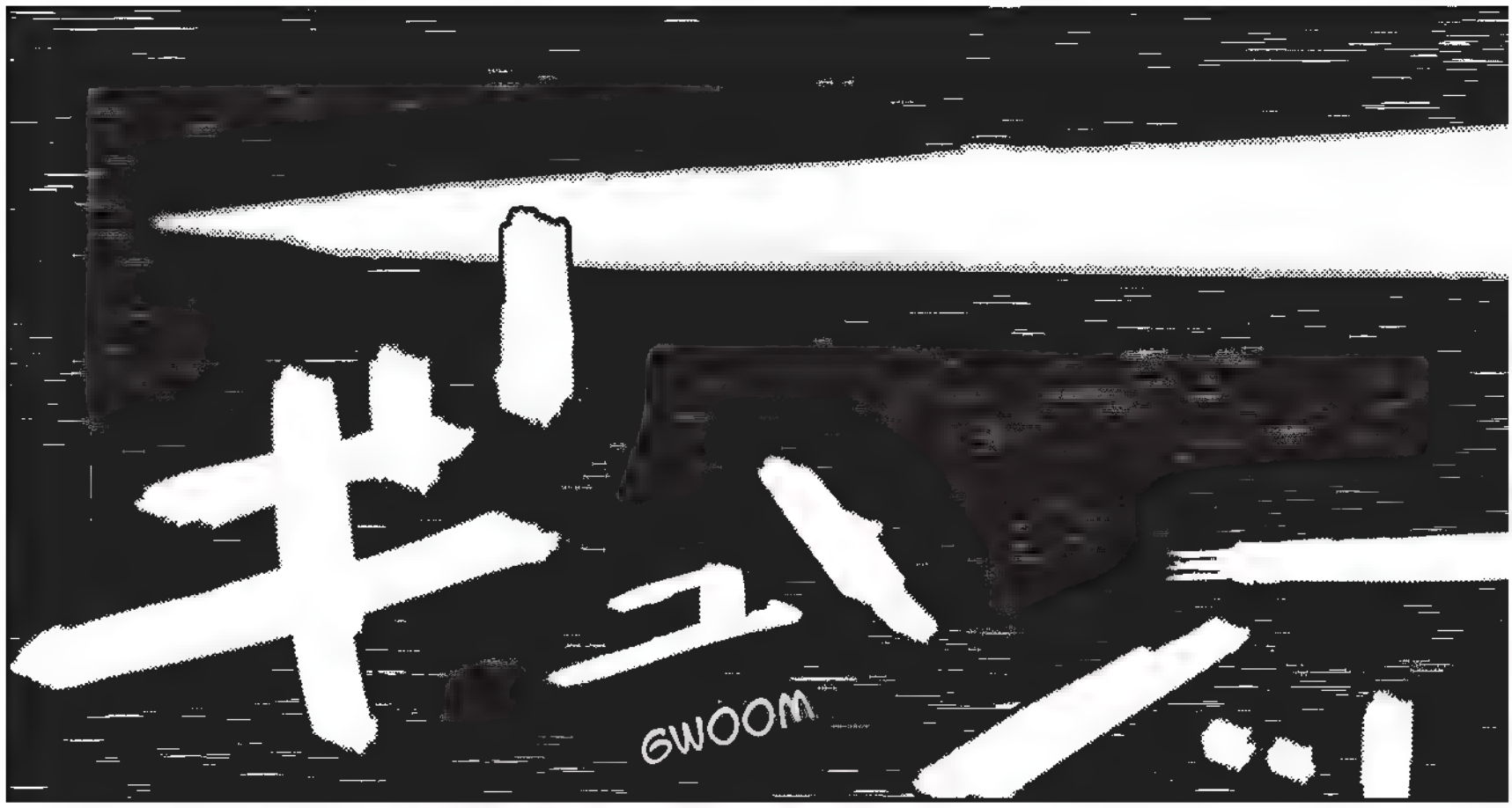
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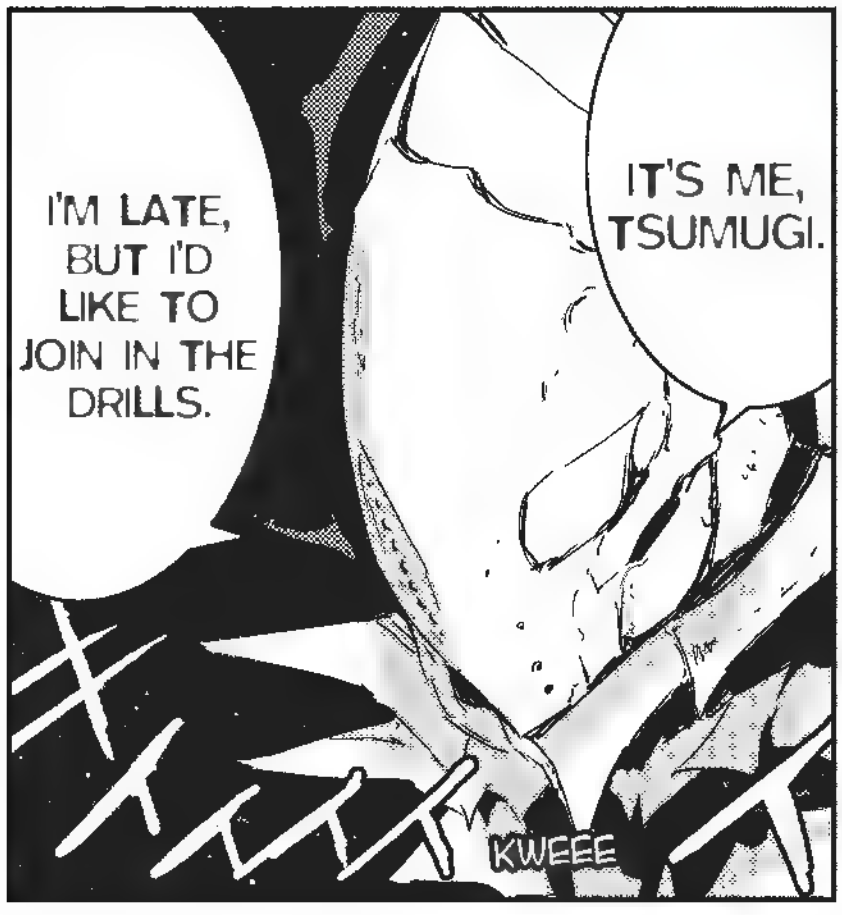

I'M LATE, BUT I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THE DRILLS.
IT'S ME, TSUMUGI.
KWEEE

WHAT ?!!

PLEASED TO MEET YOU ALL.
I'M TSUMUGI'S NEW PILOT, MOZUKU KUNATO.
UMP
BADUMP

JUST WHAT'S THE MECHANISM BEHIND IT?!

HOW FAST IS SHE GOING?! WE'LL NEVER KEEP UP WITH HER!

HUH?! I-I'M NOT REALLY SURE!

YOU'VE FIGURED IT OUT ACTUALLY, HAVEN'T YOU, KUNATO?

IF ONLY WE COULD APPLY IT TO THE GARDES.

AMAZING ...

I SWEAR ...

SADLY, THERE ARE STILL MANY, MANY THINGS I DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

NICE WORK, EVERYONE.

GOOD JOB.

MR. TANI-KAZE.

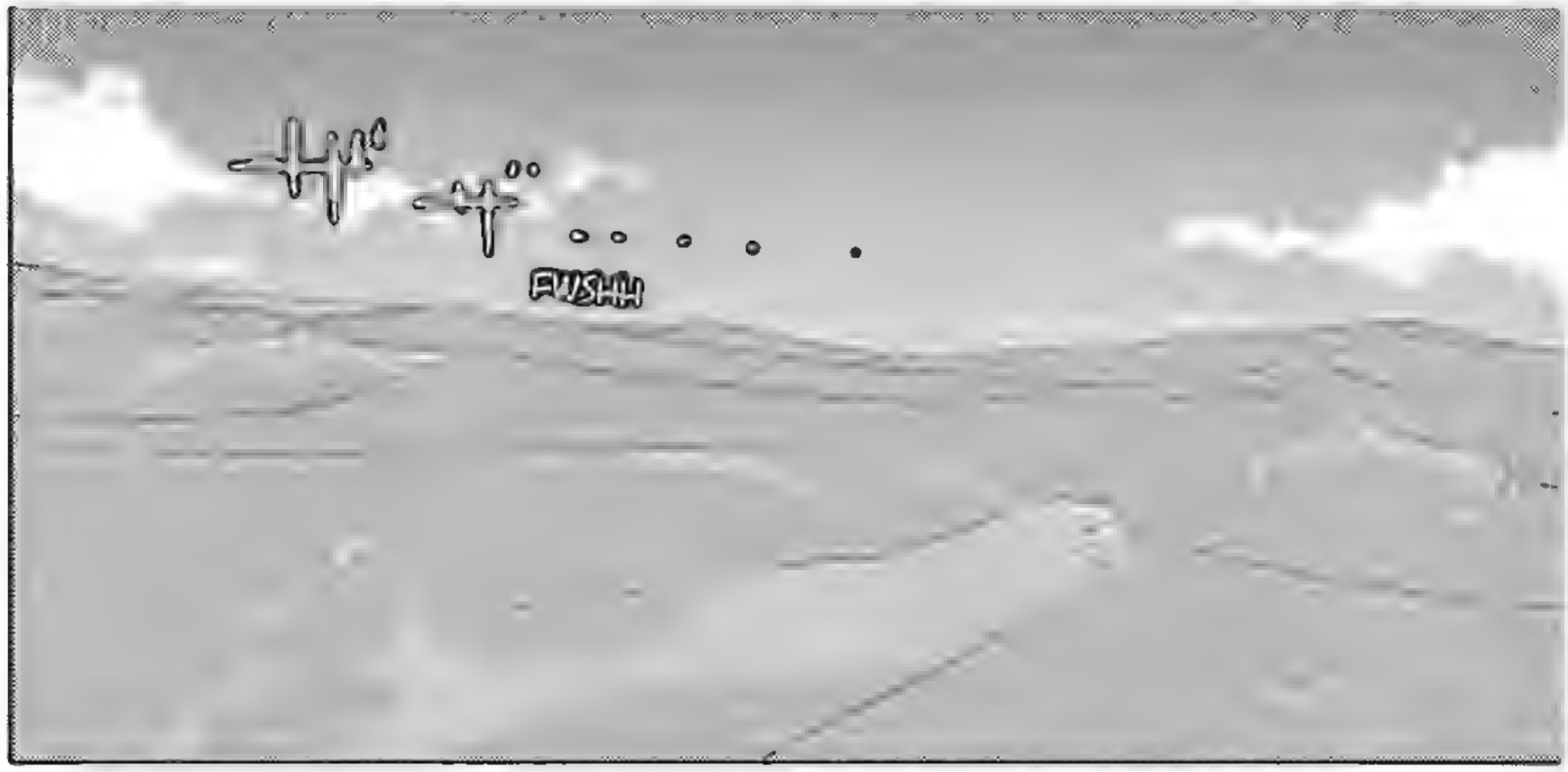
YES !!

WHO ATE ALL THE COMBAT RATIONS THAT WERE HERE?!

UM, OH. YEAH.

I HOPE WE CAN ALL STAY ON GOOD TERMS INTO THE FUTURE.

IT SEEMS THAT TSUMUGI'S REALLY TAKEN A LIKING TO YOU.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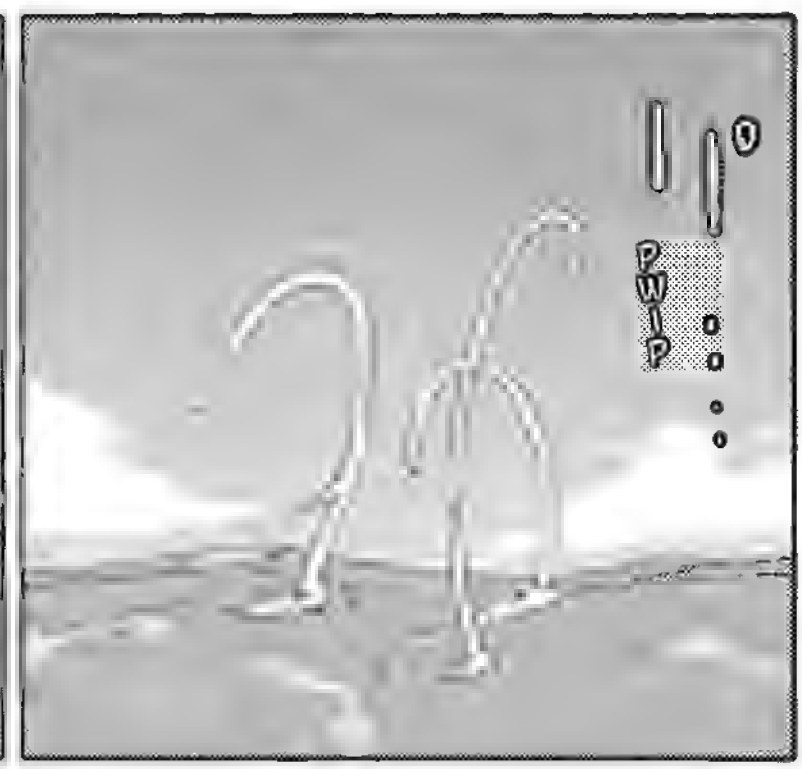
PWIP

BOOM

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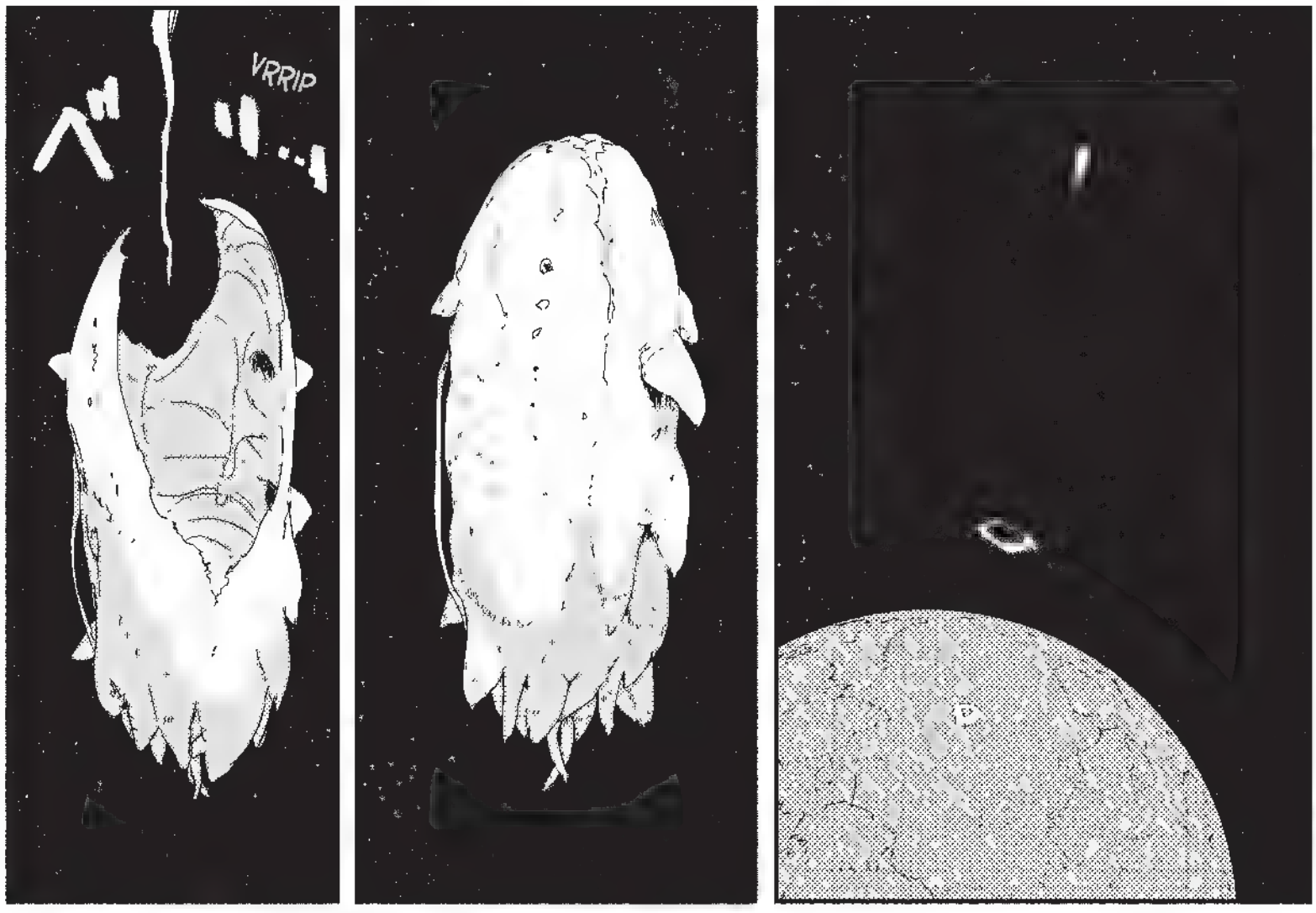
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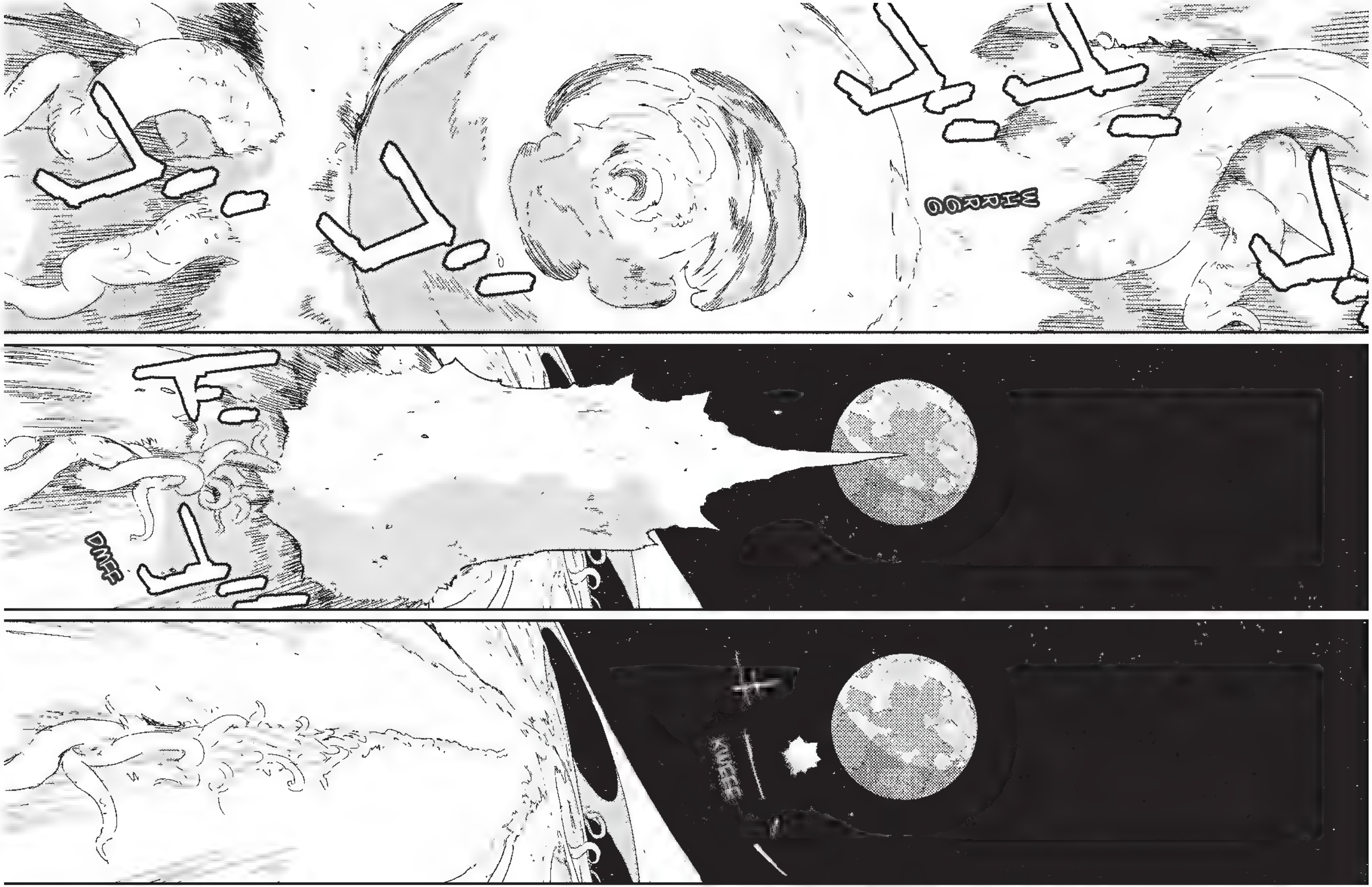
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シドニアの騎士

KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA

STAR LEM

SEVEN

GREATER CLUSTER SUN

Circling an orbital path around Planet Seven

NINE

SIDONIA

THE SIDONIA'S COURSE

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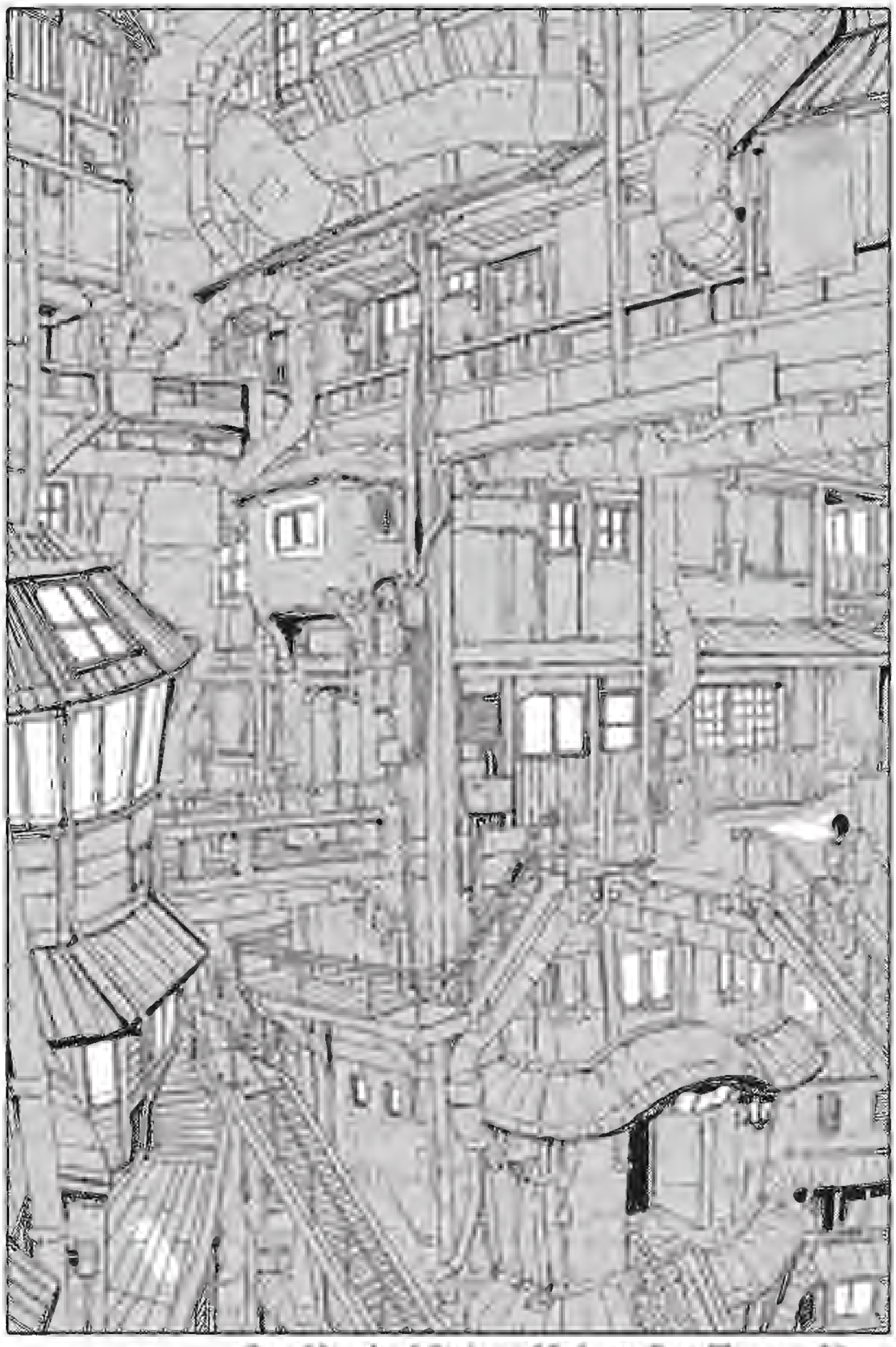

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GREATER CLUSTER SHIP

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THE SEVENTH PLANET REVOLVING AROUND THE STAR LEM.

IS IN SATELLITE ORBIT AROUND "SEVEN,"

STAR LEM

AT PRESENT, THE GREATER CLUSTER SHIP

GREATER CLUSTER SHIP

SEVEN'S SATELLITE, ON WHICH THEIR BASE WAS LOCATED, HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY THE GREATER CLUSTER SHIP.

ONCE AGAIN, THE GAUNA HAVE INVADED HUMANITY'S DOMAIN AND COMMITTED BUTCHERY.

SEVEN IS INDEED THE PLANET TO WHICH THE SETTLERS HAD PLANNED TO MIGRATE.

WE MUST ELIMINATE THE THREAT, EXTERMINATE THE GAUNA FROM THIS WORLD.

THERE IS BUT ONE WAY FOR HUMANKIND TO GUARD AGAINST THIS HOSTILE PRESENCE THAT ADMITS NO DIALOGUE, AND TO ENDURE:

OUR OBJECTIVE IS THE GAS PLANET NINE, FARTHER OUT IN THE SYSTEM THAN SEVEN.

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SIDONIA HAS CHANGED COURSE TOWARDS THE LEM STAR SYSTEM AND SHOULD SOON BE READY TO DECELERATE.

OUR OPERATION HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

STAR LEM

GREATER CLUSTER SHIP

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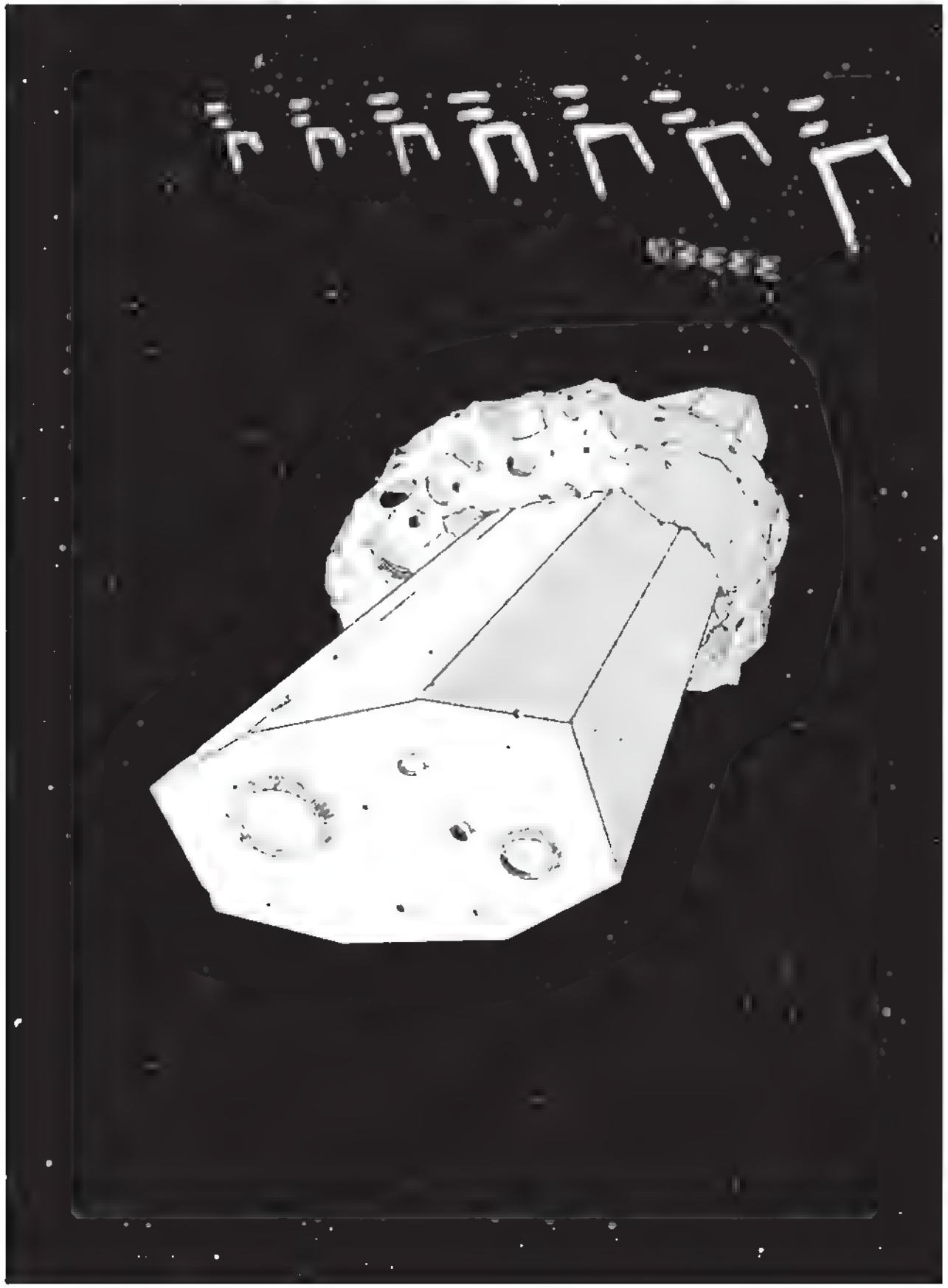
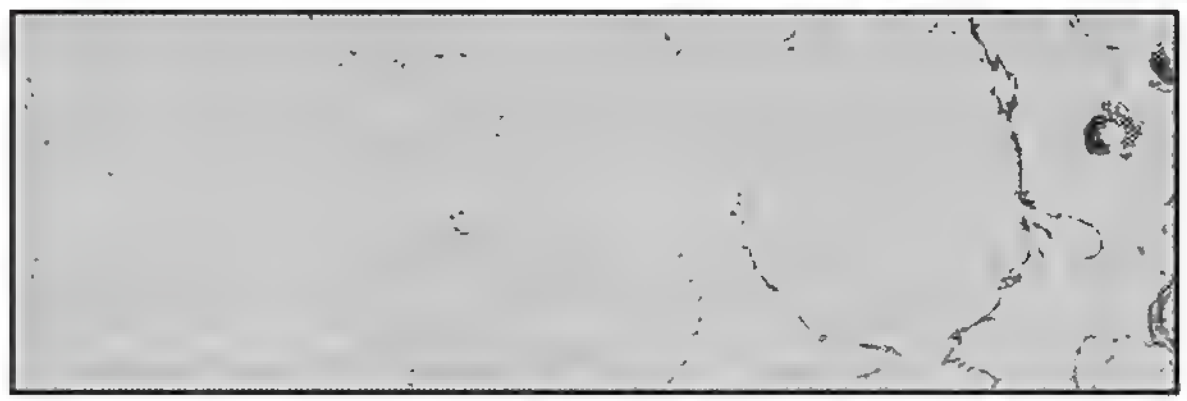
SIDONIA

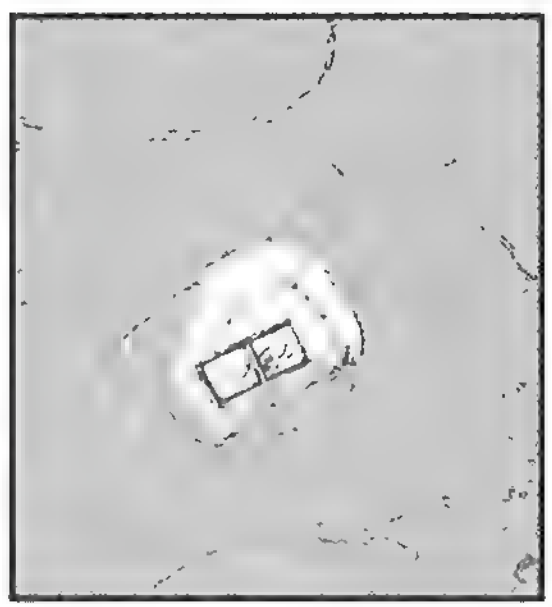
TRAJECTORY

WITH THAT AS OUR FOOTHOLD, WE WILL ASSAULT THE GREATER CLUSTER SHIP!

SIDONIA WILL ENTER SATELLITE ORBIT AROUND NINE AND MAKE USE OF THE NATURAL DEFENSIVE WALL OF ITS RING.







SO YOU CAN SEE OUTSIDE.
YES ...
IT'S MORE SPACIOUS THAN YOUR LAST ROOM, BUT THIS IS, UH...

OOH !

I LIKE READING BOOKS SO I'M NOT BOTHERED EVEN IF I'M A BIT CRAMPED.

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地球の都市景観大全
オリボの冒険
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シドニア百景1
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One Hundred Sights of Sidonia 1
One Hundred Sights of Sidonia 2
Gouna Is Hungry

YOU'VE BEEN ALL QUIET.

WHAT'S WRONG, NAGATE ?

RIGHT! SHE MIGHT ALLOW IT IF IT'S JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

HEY, CAN'T WE ASK YUHATA ABOUT LETTING TSUMUGI INTO THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT?

...

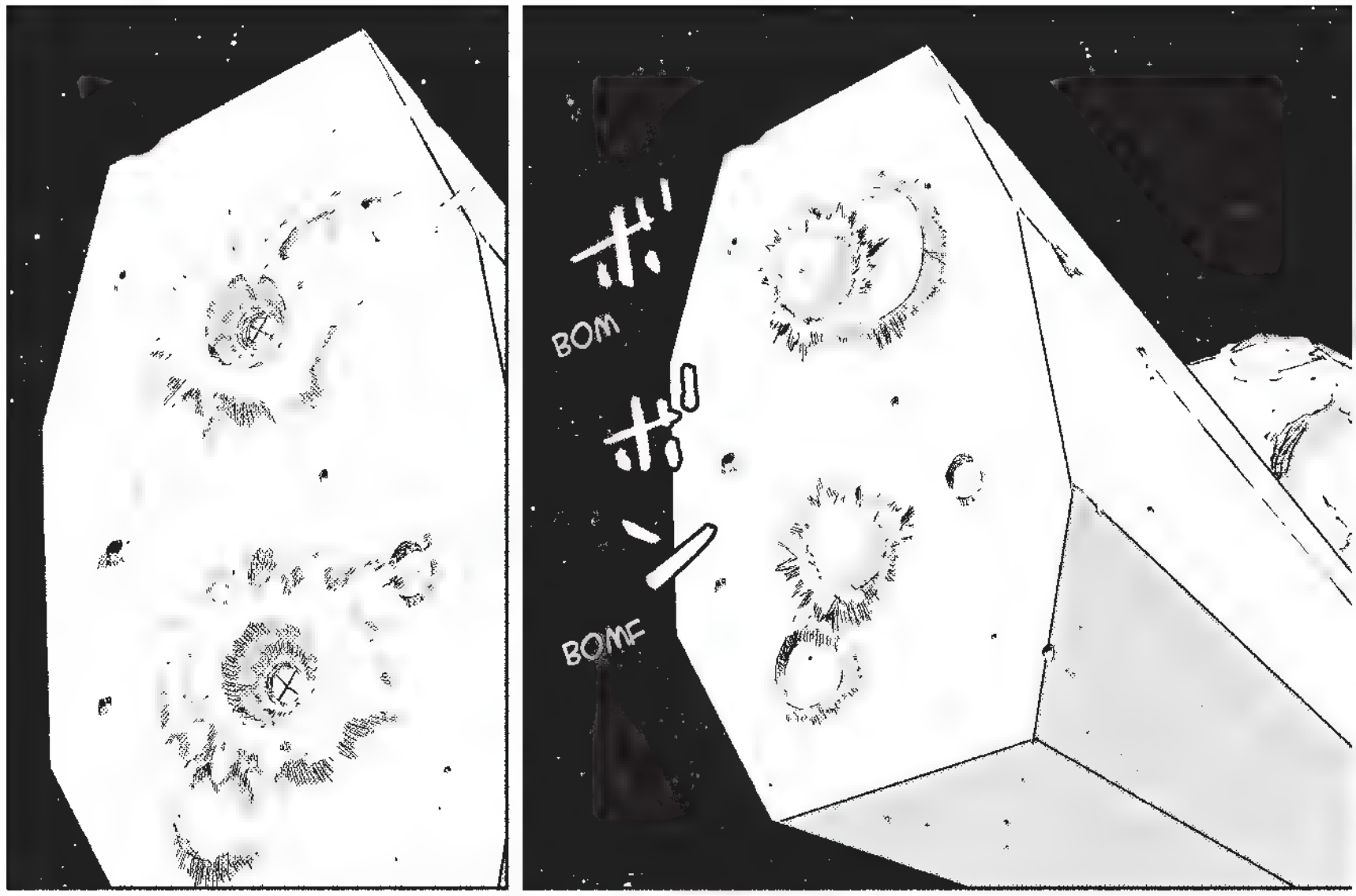
TSUMUGI'S SITUATION NOW BROUGHT BACK SOME OLD MEMORIES.

OH, UH... I USED TO LIVE UNDER-GROUND.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE'S AN ACCIDENT?

OBVIOUSLY IT CAN'T BE ALLOWED, CAN IT?!

AND EVEN WITHOUT THAT, THE GRAVITY'S UNSTABLE NOW!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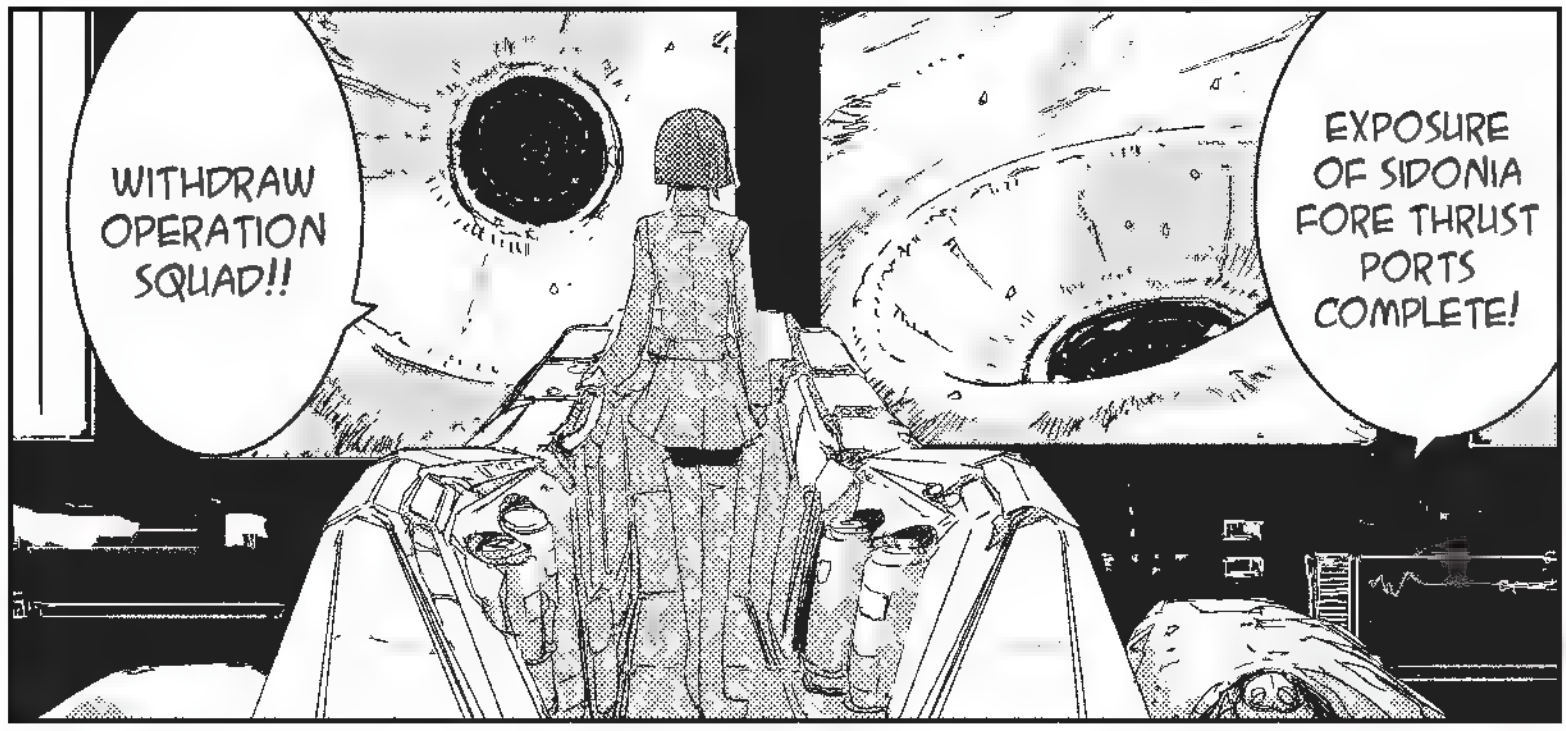
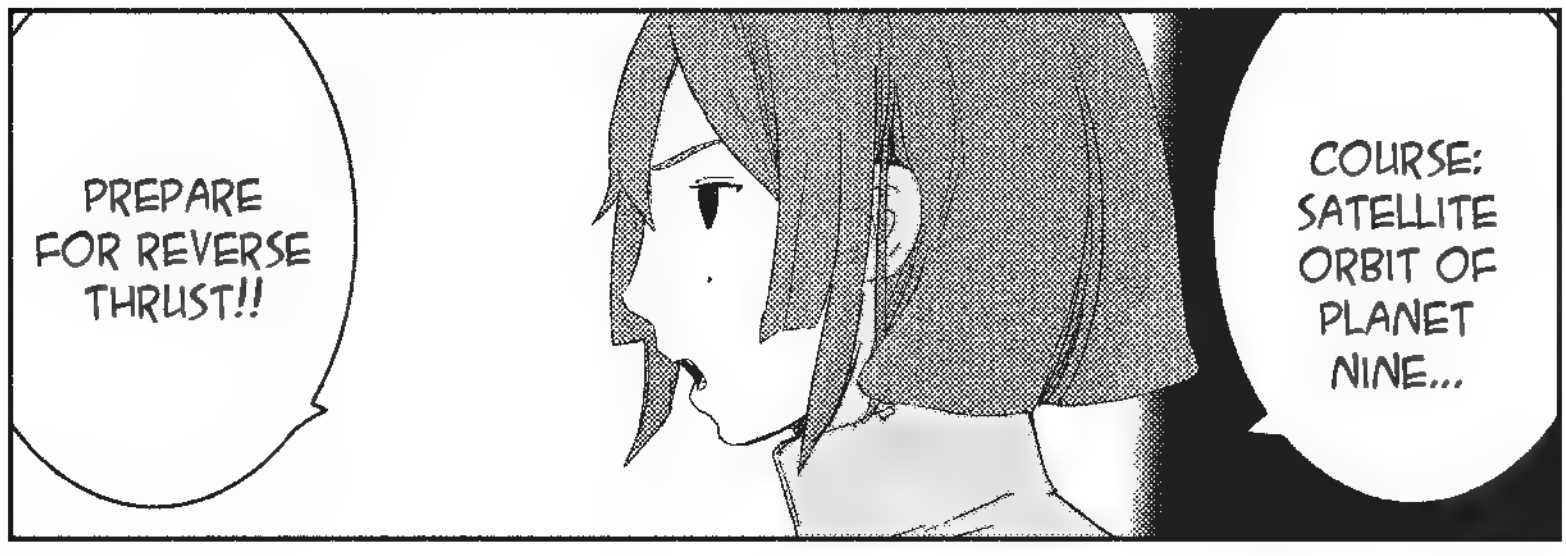
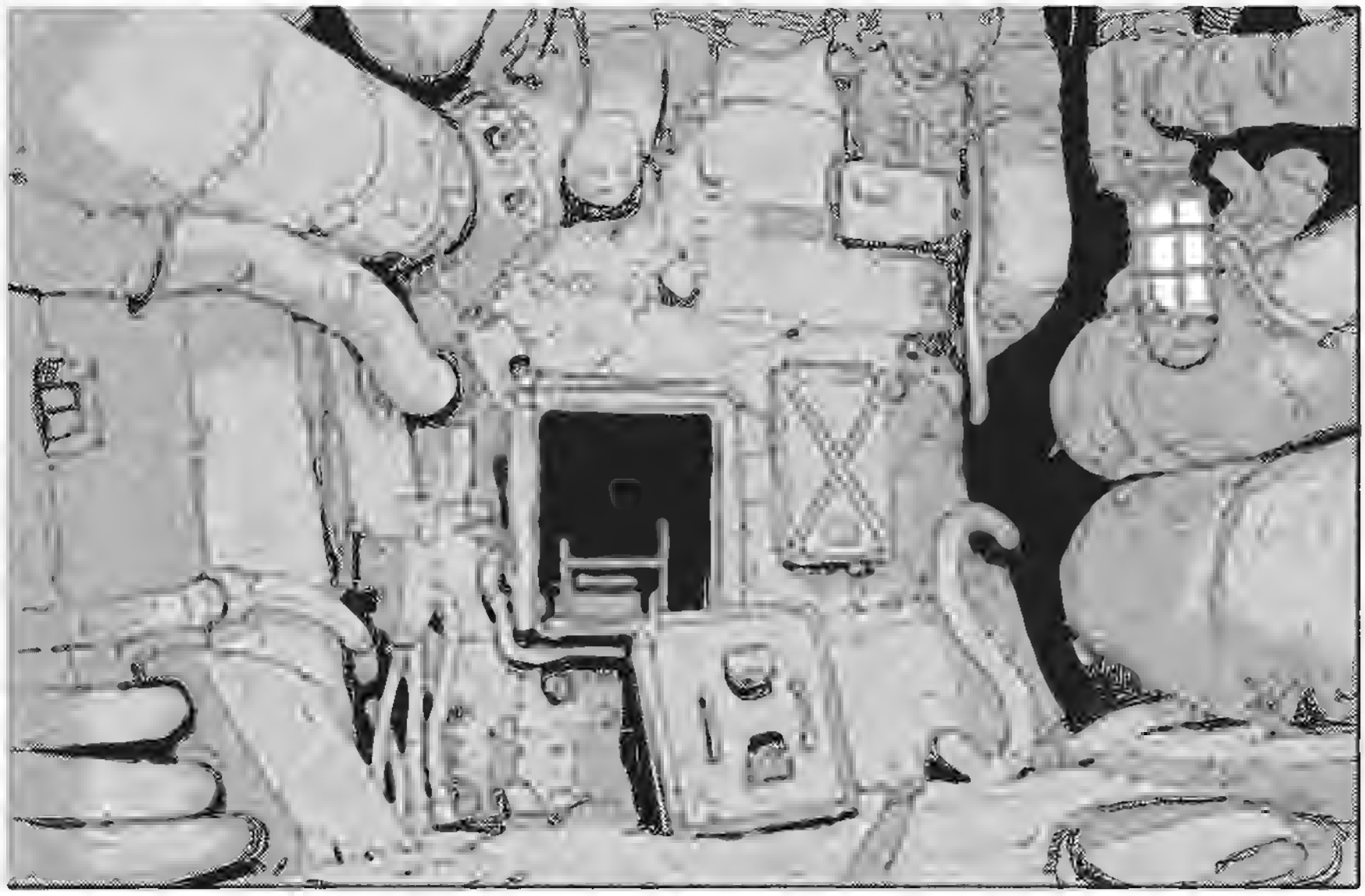
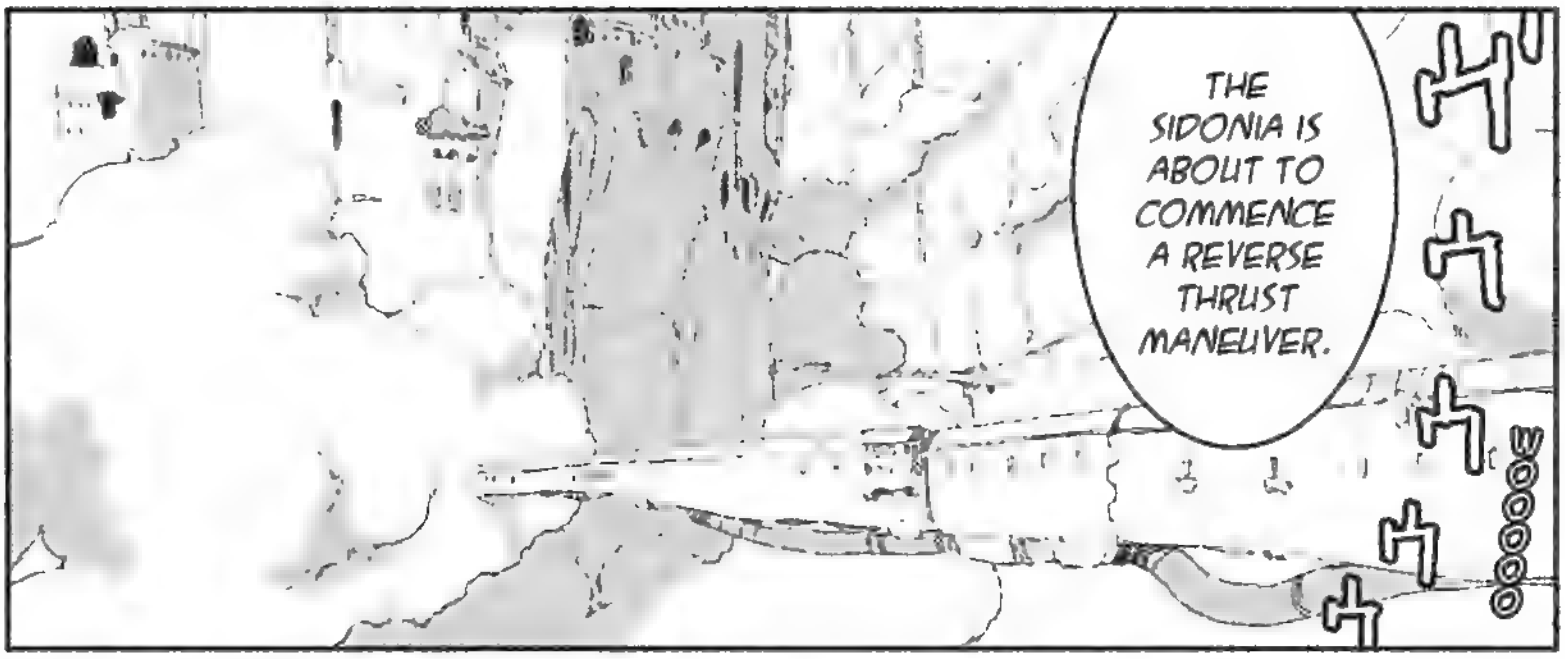

WITHDRAW OPERATION SQUAD!!
EXPOSURE OF SIDONIA FORE THRUST PORTS COMPLETE!


PREPARE FOR REVERSE THRUST!!
COURSE: SATELLITE ORBIT OF PLANET NINE...



LOOK HOW FAR BACK THE ENTRY IS NOW... AND WE'RE STILL NOT EVEN HALF-WAY. IT'S SO INCREDIBLY HIGH...
ACCESS HATCH 500 M
BEST NOT LOOK DOWN TOO MUCH

WHOA ...


THE SIDONIA IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE A REVERSE THRUST MANEUVER.
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PLEASE CONNECT YOUR SAFETY BELTS TO A NEARBY HANDRAIL AND...

DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING FROM THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT JUST NOW ?

COMMENCE REVERSE THRUST !
ENGINE IGNITION !

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WHAT THE?!

WOSH

KRRK

KRR

AAAAHHH!

KRNNK KANNK

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GRIKK
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WHAMM

EQUILIBRIUM WITH GRAVITATIONAL FIELD GENERATOR BEING RESTORED.
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GRAVITATIONAL EQUILIBRIUM STATUS
JETS HAVE STABILIZED.

HEY HEY HEY! AAAH!! WE'RE FALLING!! !! !! !!

KANK

STRETCH

CLING

KANNG

SQUEEZE

East
Old

I'M SORRY, NAGATE
IT'S ALL RIGHT. I'M JUST GLAD WE DIDN'T FALL.

GCHAK

ARE YOU OKAY ?!

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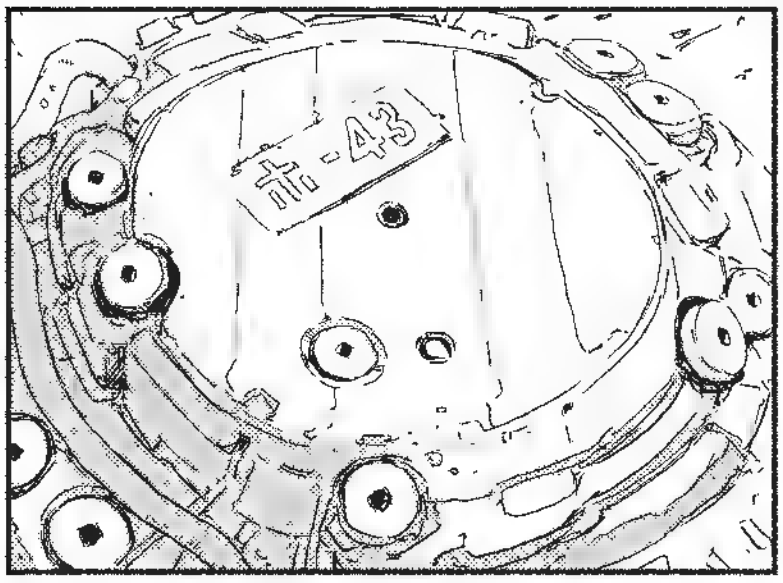
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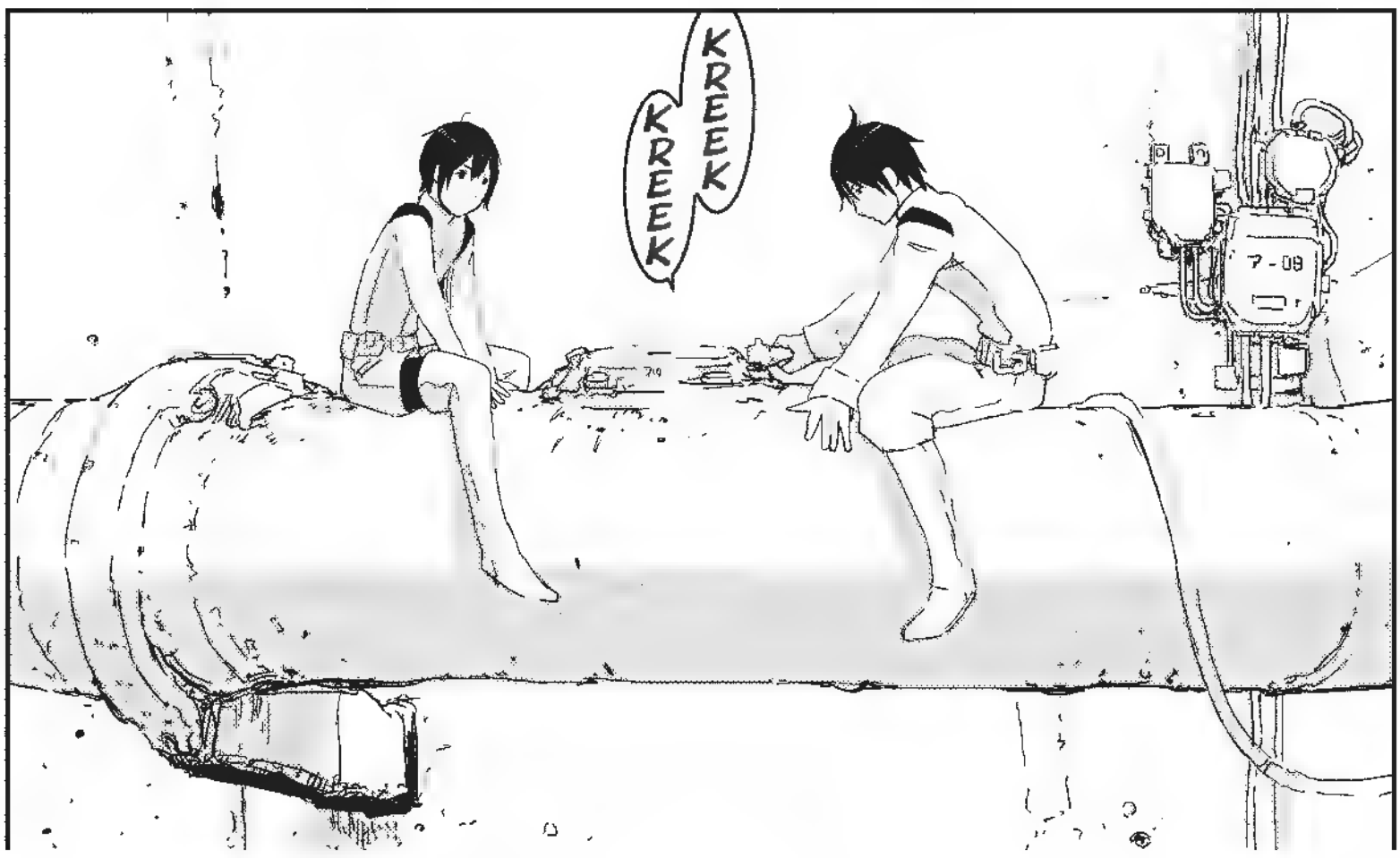
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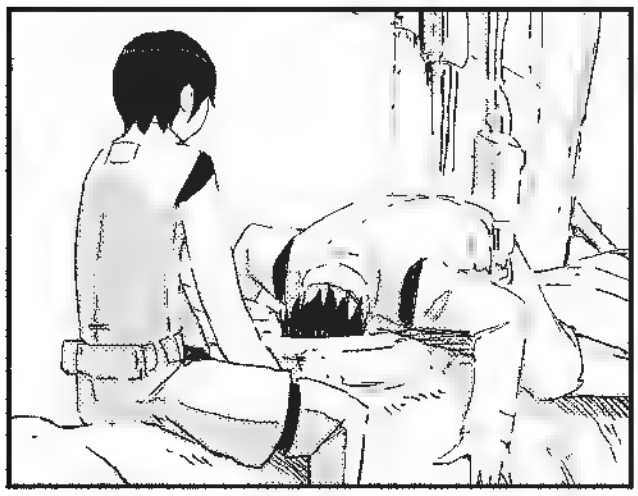

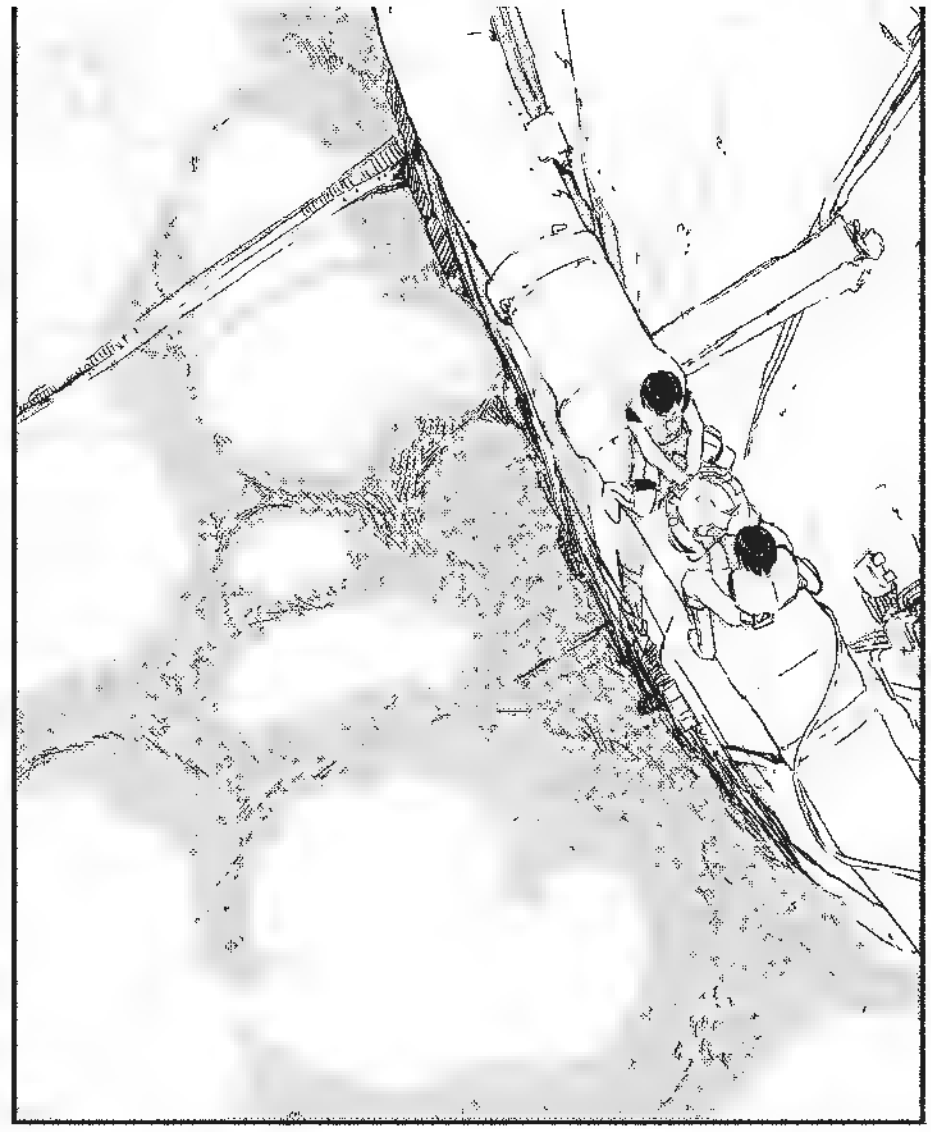

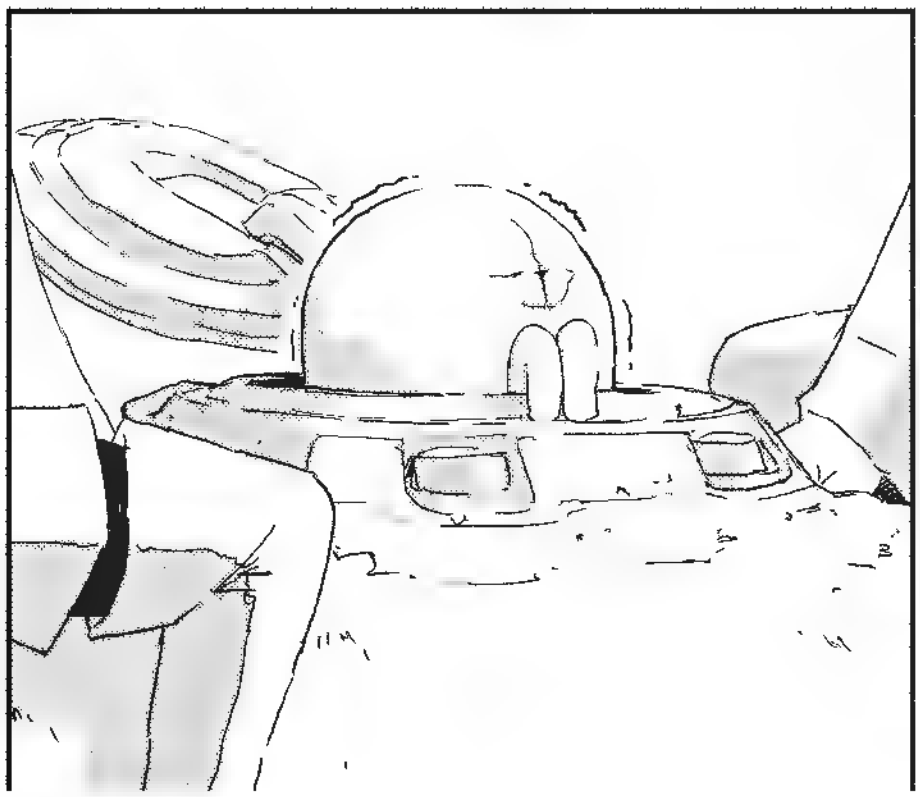

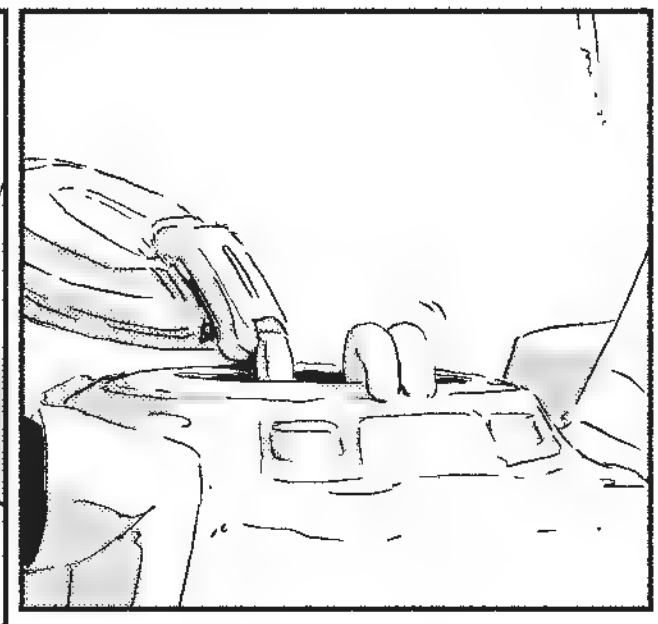

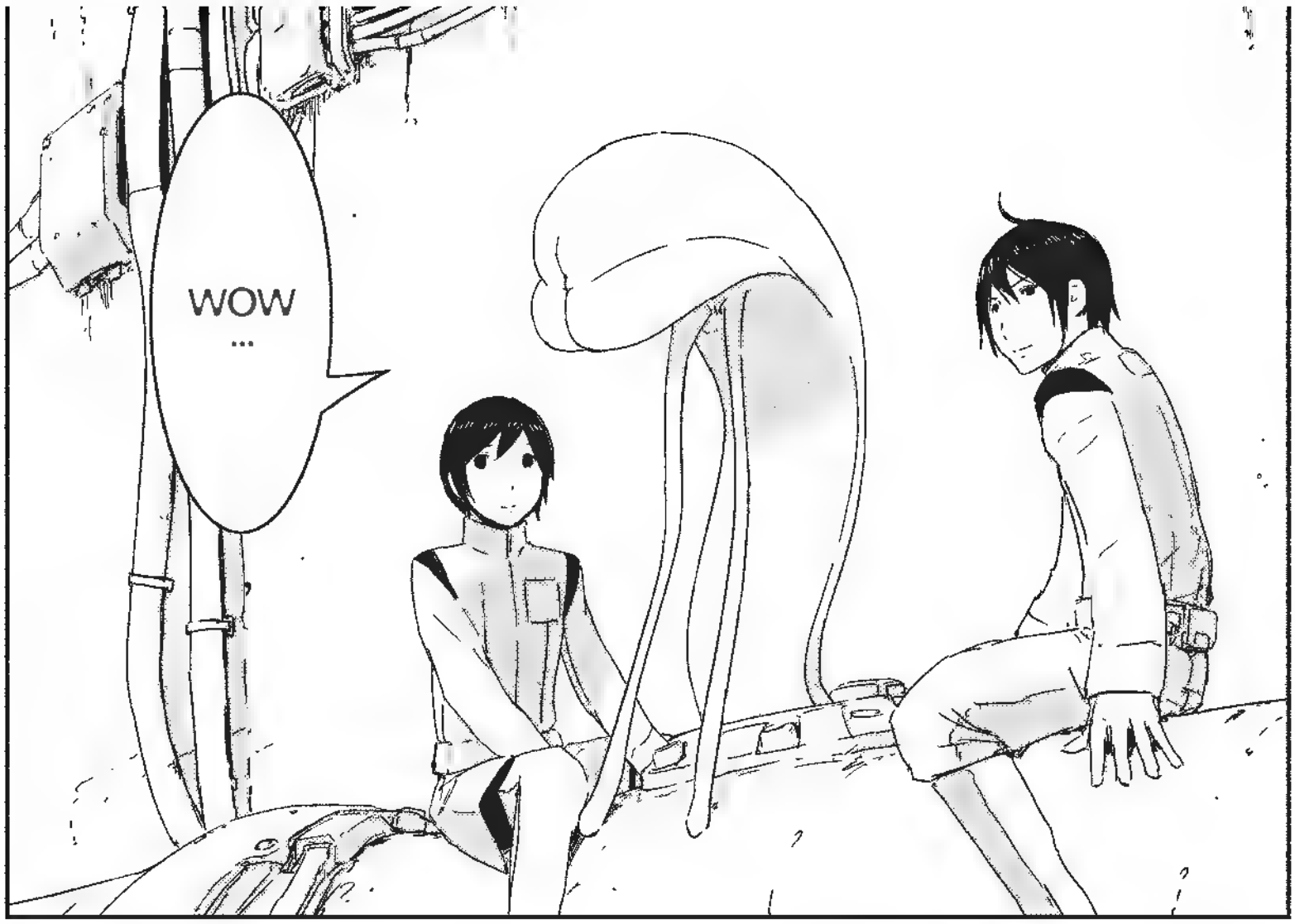
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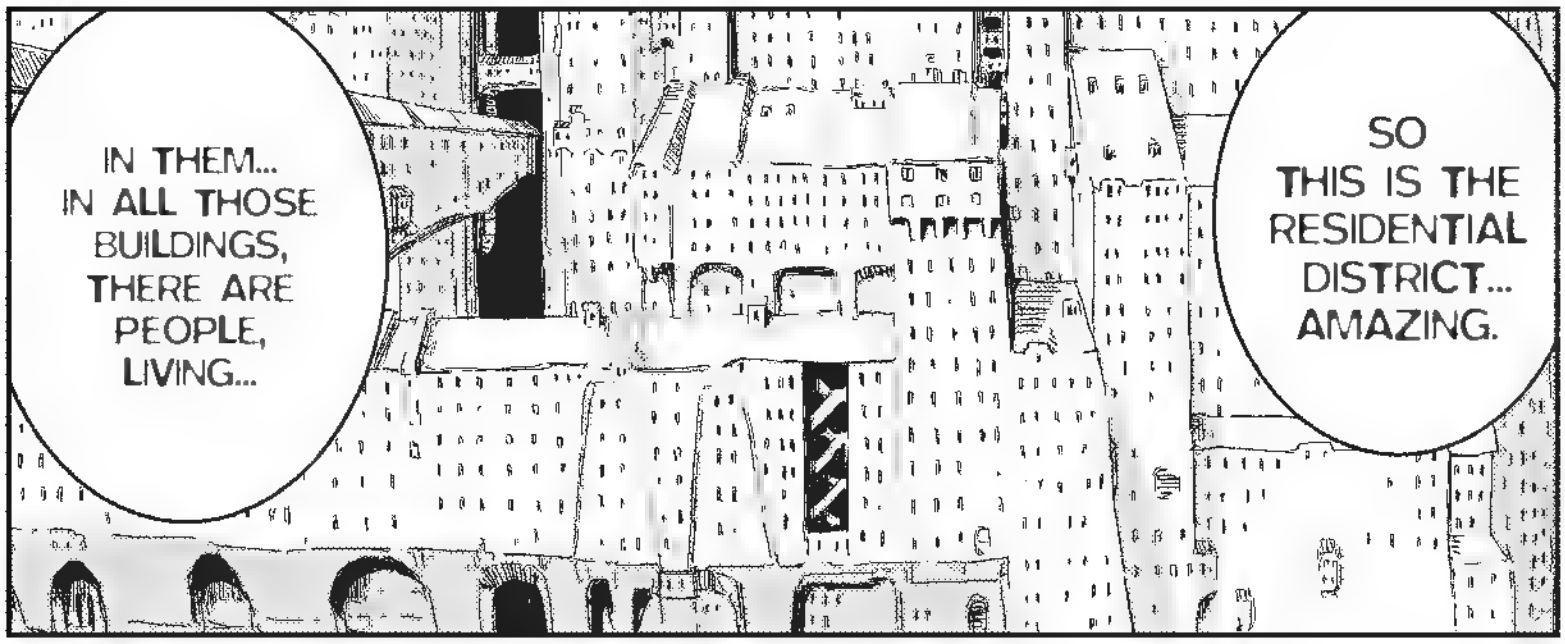

IN THEM... IN ALL THOSE BUILDINGS, THERE ARE PEOPLE, LIVING...
SO THIS IS THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT... AMAZING.

VARIOUS PEOPLE LIVING VARIOUS LIVES, I'M SURE!

WHOA! I SEE SO MANY OF THEM!!

AND VISIT AROUND, AND GET TO MEET LOTS OF PEOPLE— HOW WONDERFUL IT WOULD BE...

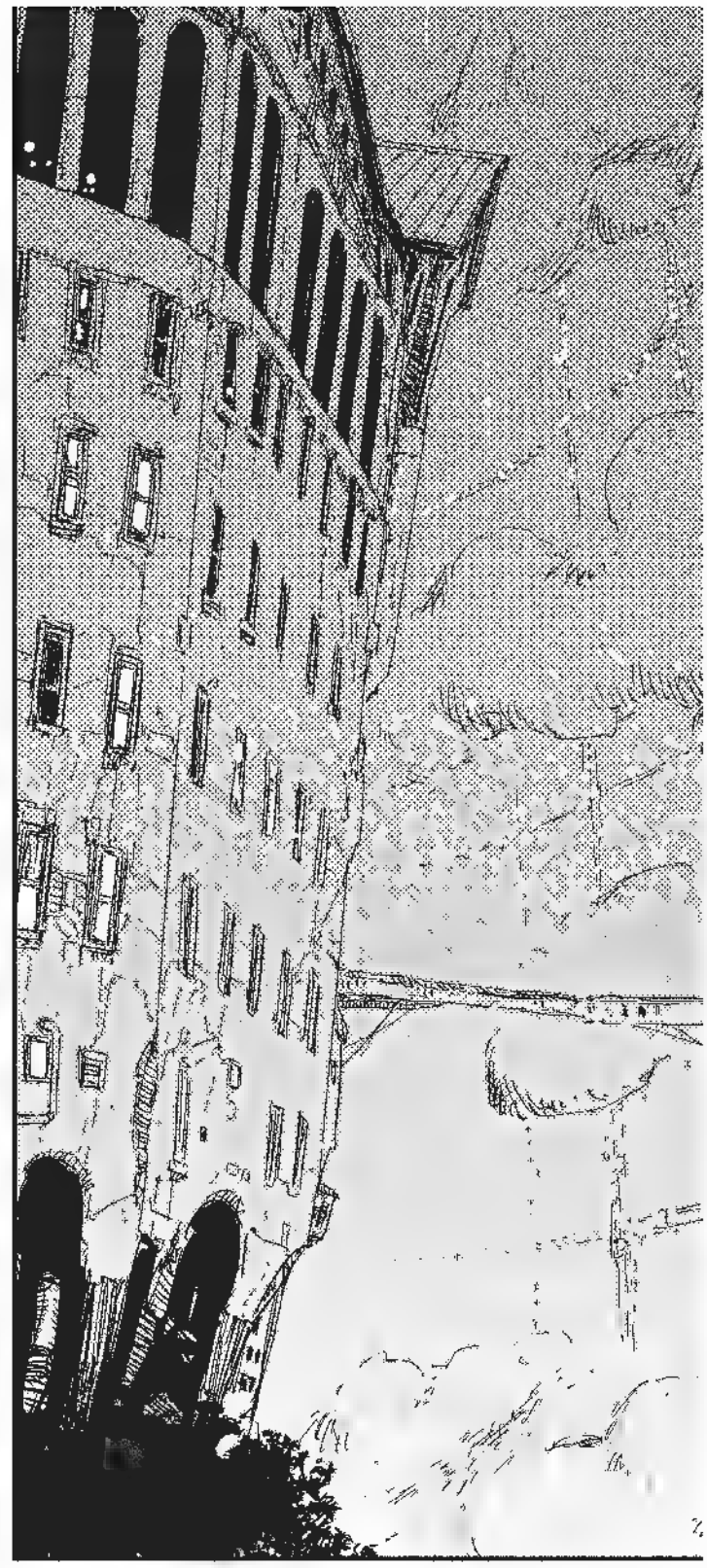
HAAH... IF ONLY I COULD BECOME A HUMAN SIZE,

THANK YOU, BOTH OF YOU. I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD ACTUALLY GET TO SEE SUCH A VIEW.

I'M SORRY... I...

EVERYONE IS VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU, TSUMUGI.

THERE'S NOT A SINGLE PERSON WHO DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT YOU.



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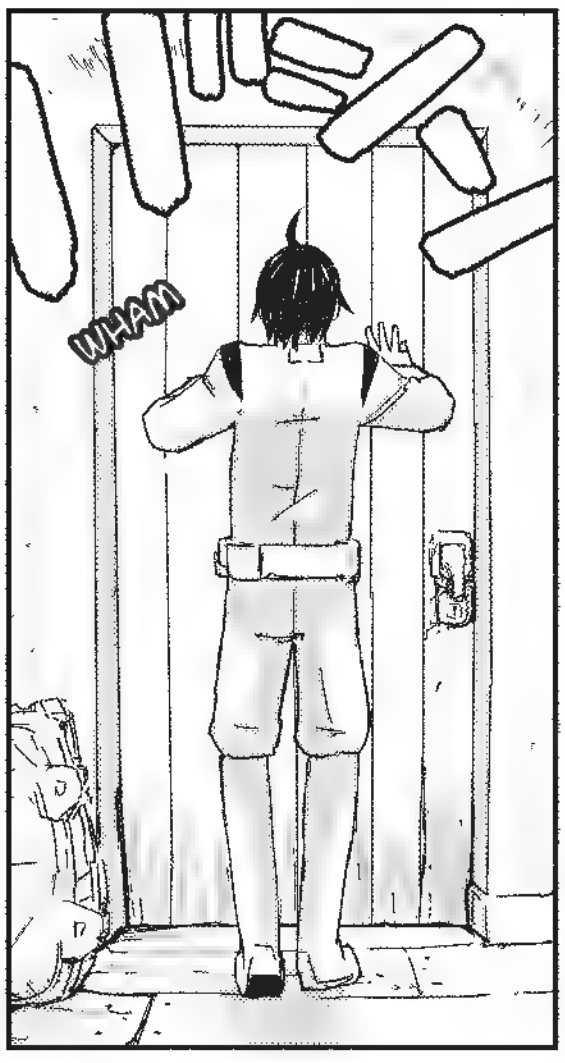
CLICK

WHY ARE MY THINGS OUT IN THE HALL?
HUH ?

UM... YOU ARE ...
THIS... IS MY ROOM, ISN'T IT?

MR. TANIKAZE, DID YOU READ THIS NOTICE ON YOUR DESK?
ONE OF THIS TERM'S TRAINEES.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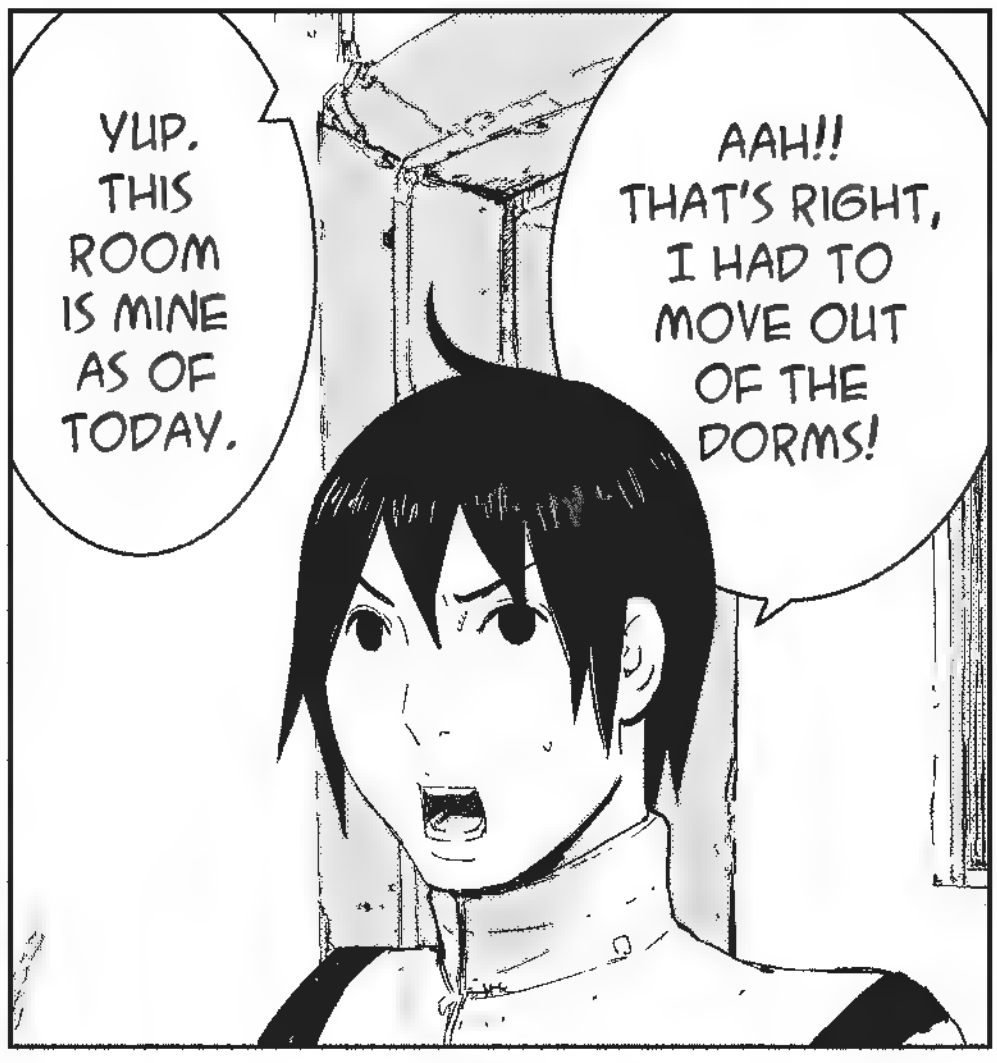
YUP. THIS ROOM IS MINE AS OF TODAY.
AAH!! THAT'S RIGHT, I HAD TO MOVE OUT OF THE DORMS!

IT'S NO LAUGHING MATTER, GRANDMA!

HEHEH, I'M SORRY. BUT I'M GLAD. I WAS WORRIED BECAUSE YOU WERE BEHIND SCHEDULE.

OH, AND YOUR PROSTHETIC LEG NEEDS A TUNE-UP TOO.

NA-GATE !!

SPLASH

HANG ON. I HAVE AN INCOMING CALL.

OKAY. I'LL HANG UP.

SORRY THIS IS SO SUDDEN, BUT CAN I STAY AT YOUR PLACE TONIGHT?
UH- WHAT'S THE MATTER?

OW !!
GONE

OH MY. OH MY.
THUD
SHAKE

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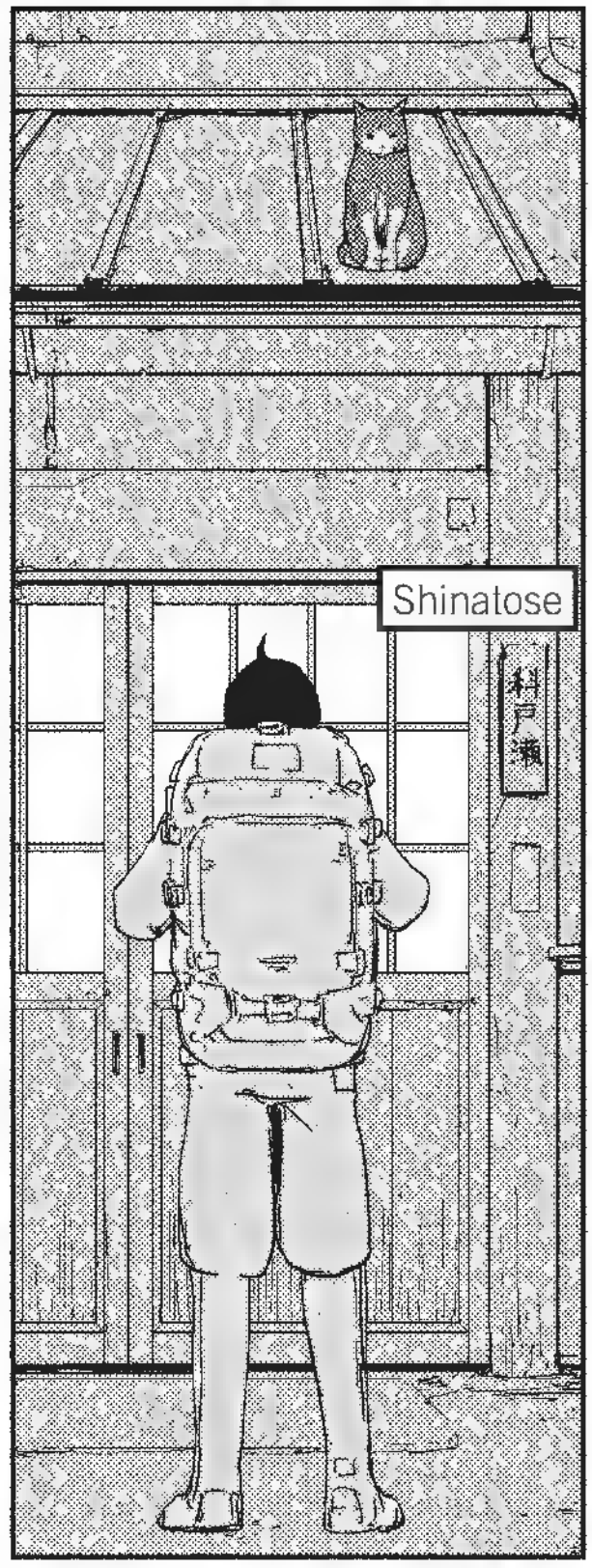
SHRUKK
EVENING.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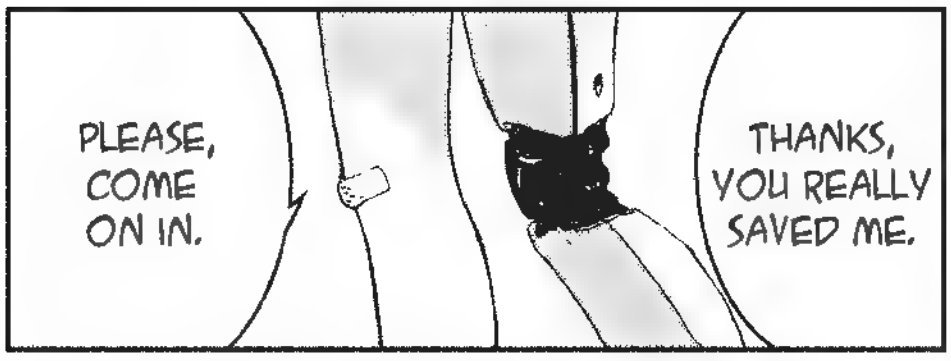

PLEASE, COME ON IN.
THANKS, YOU REALLY SAVED ME.

SEEMS LIKE WORK'S BUSY LATELY. LOTS OF NIGHTS SHE DOESN'T COME HOME.
WHERE'S MS. YURE ?
GLAD YOU CAME. I'VE BEEN HEARING WEIRD NOISES AND WAS SCARED TO BE ALONE.
SORRY TO BOTHER !

ARE YOU HUNGRY?

YEAH!!

BKMD ドスン

FWOMM

PKOD ゴーー

PSHHT

BIP

ZWSH

Rice

GEE, IT SMELLS GREAT.

BGLAM バガーン

AAH!!

WHEN I WAS TAKING A BATH TOO, I HEARD THIS WEIRD NOISE FROM ANOTHER PIPE.

YOU OKAY ?

GKONG

GRONL

EEK! I HATE THIS!

GTOM

GRRK

MAYBE BECAUSE OF THE DECELERA-TION?

PAT

PAT

KLONK

I WONDER WHAT IT IS.

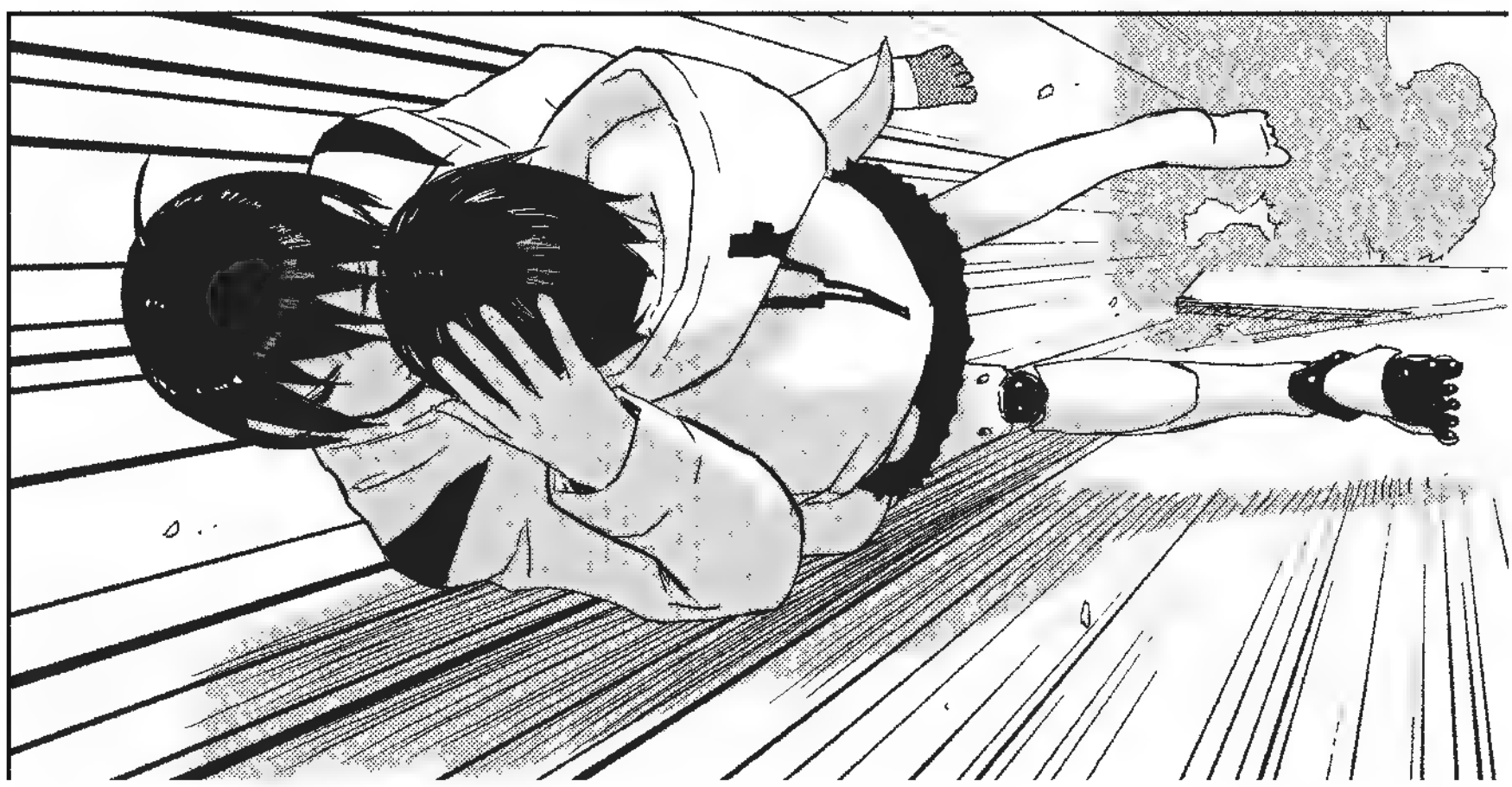
GROWL

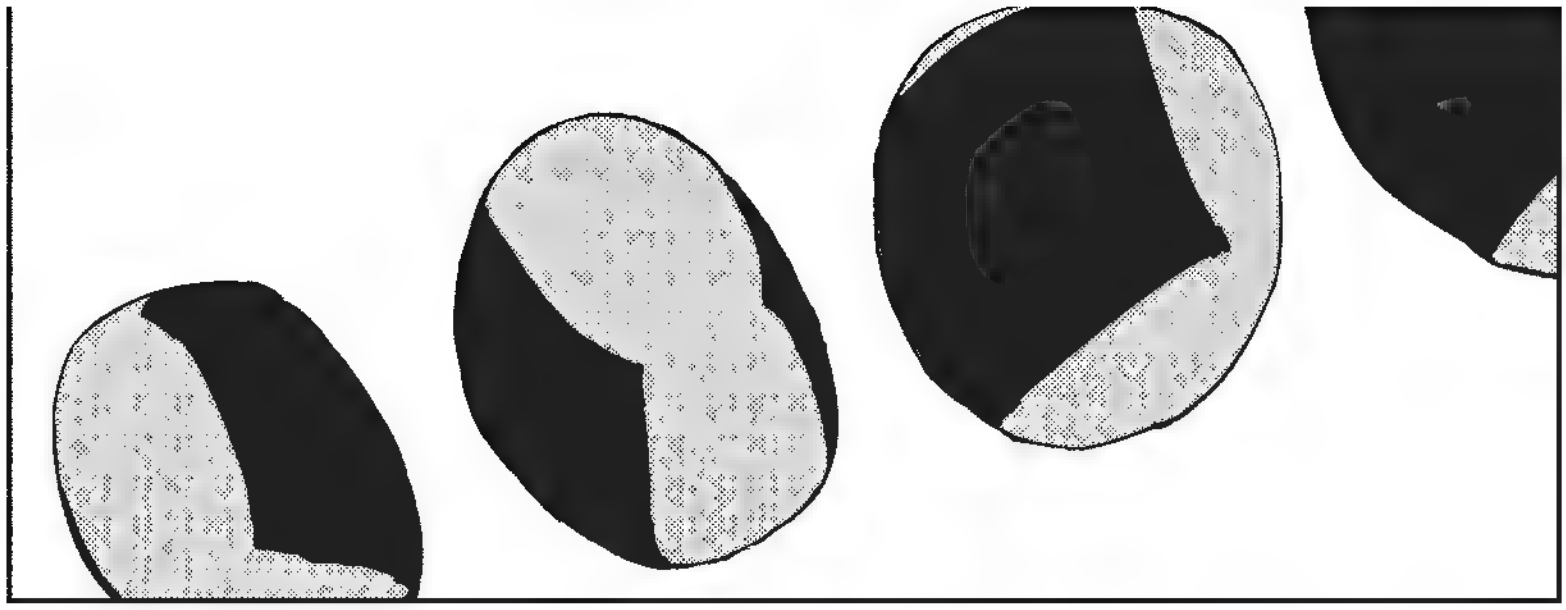
AH !!

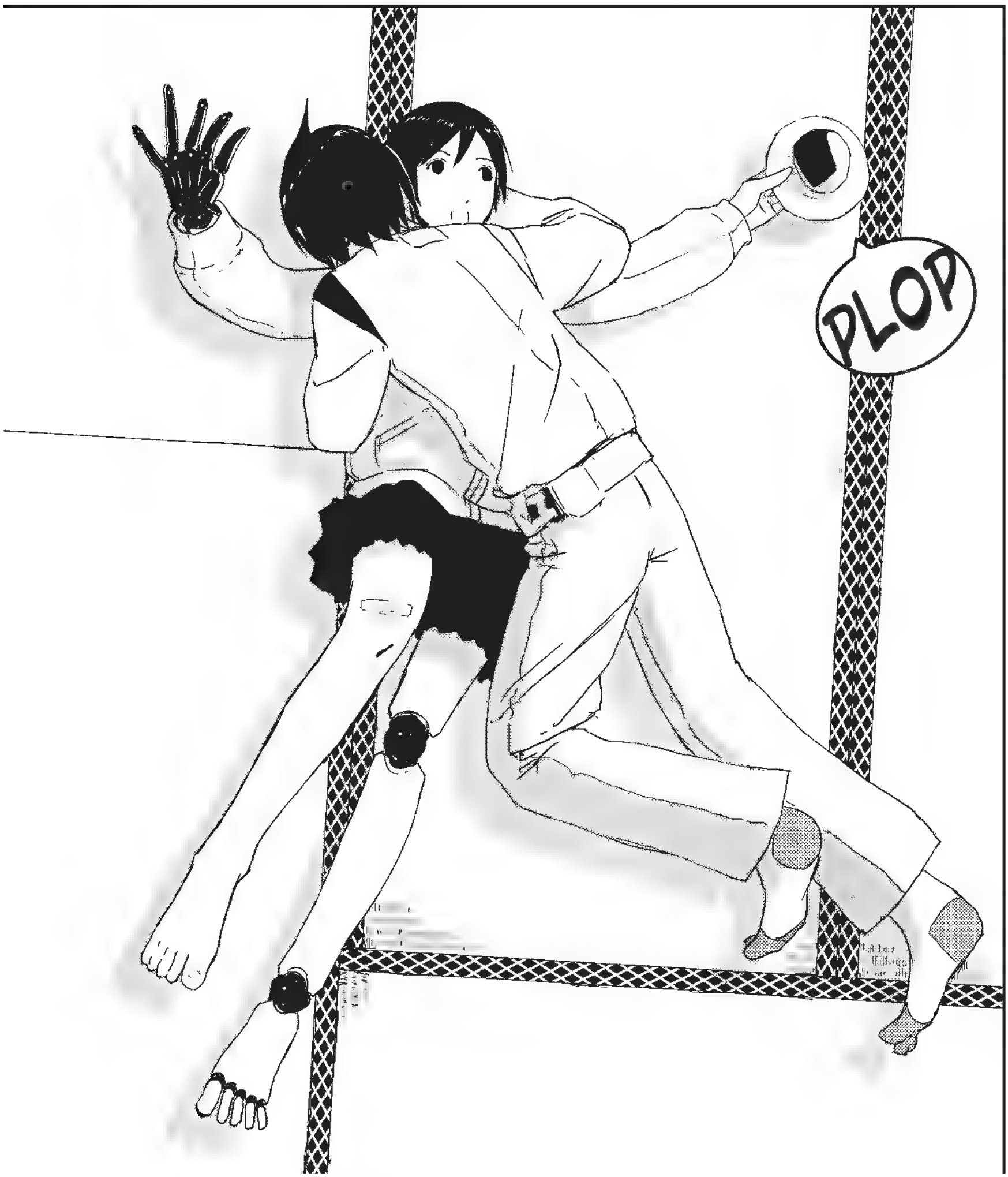
SNAG

BWOK

IT'S READY !



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YOU OKAY ?

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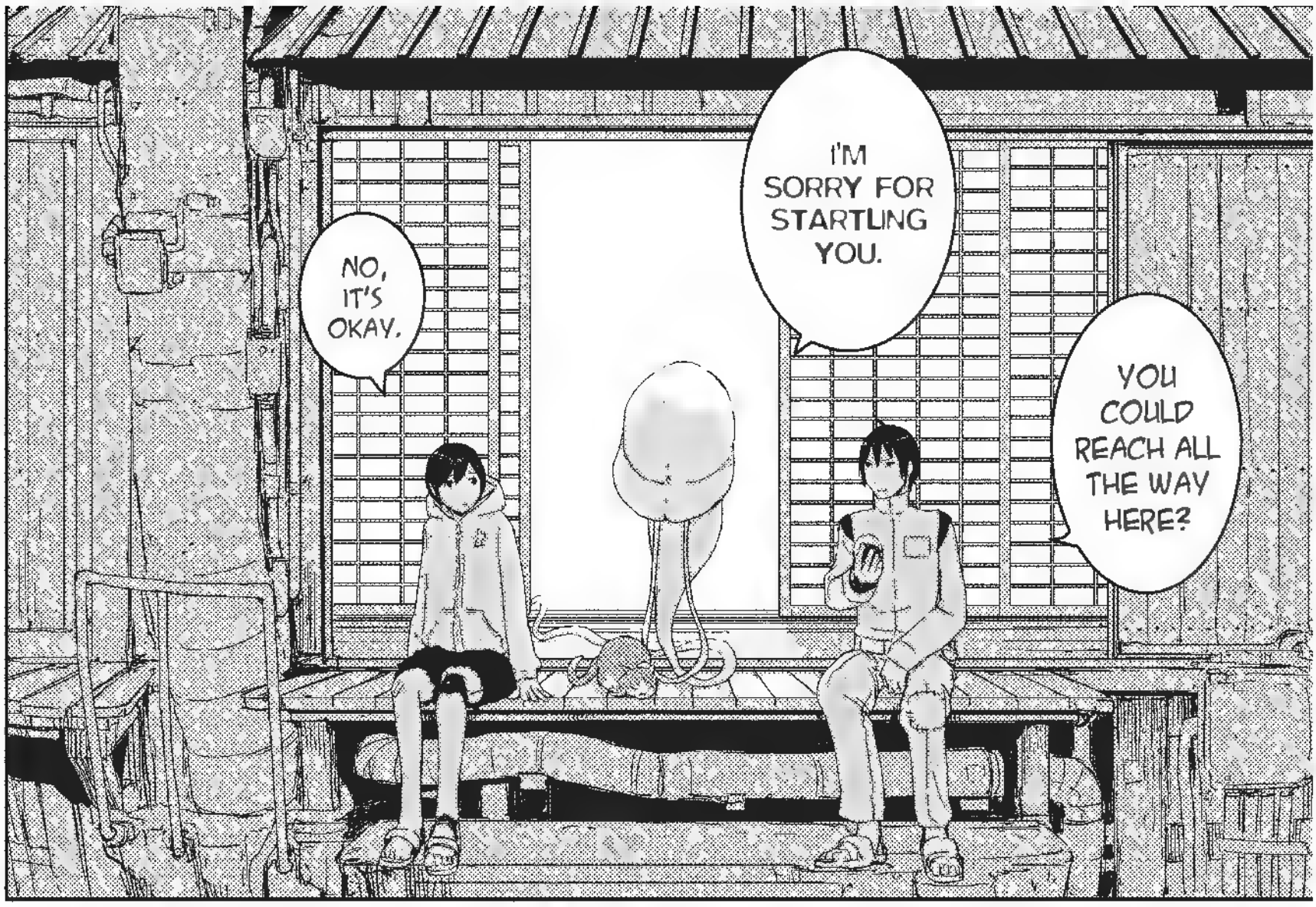
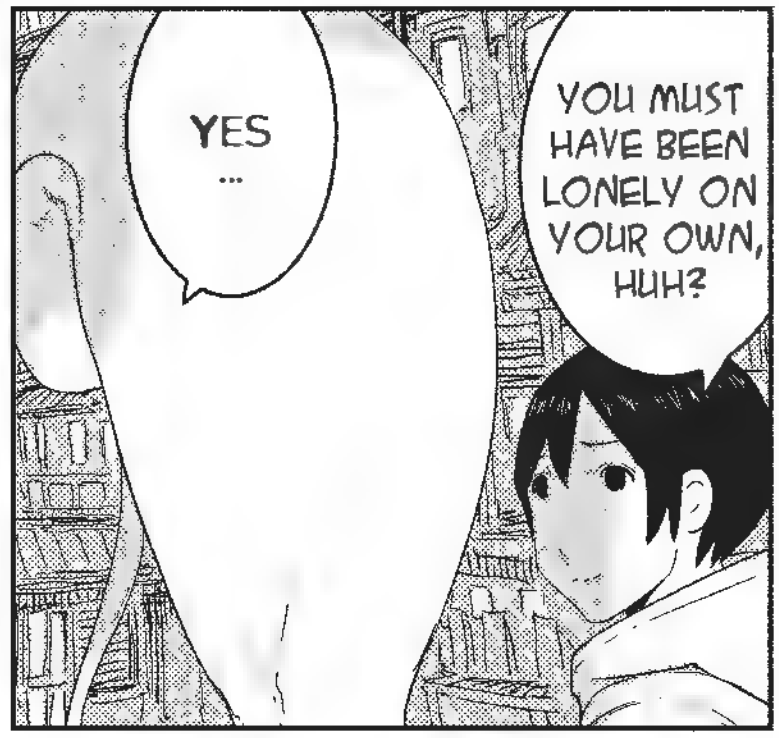

I'M SORRY FOR STARTLING YOU.
NO, IT'S OKAY.
YOU COULD REACH ALL THE WAY HERE?

WONDERING JUST HOW MANY MORE TIMES WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET AGAIN... I STARTED TO MISS YOU...


YES ...
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN LONELY ON YOUR OWN, HUH?

SO TOGETHER LET'S DEFEAT THE GAUNA!
WE CAN MEET AS MANY TIMES AS WE WANT.

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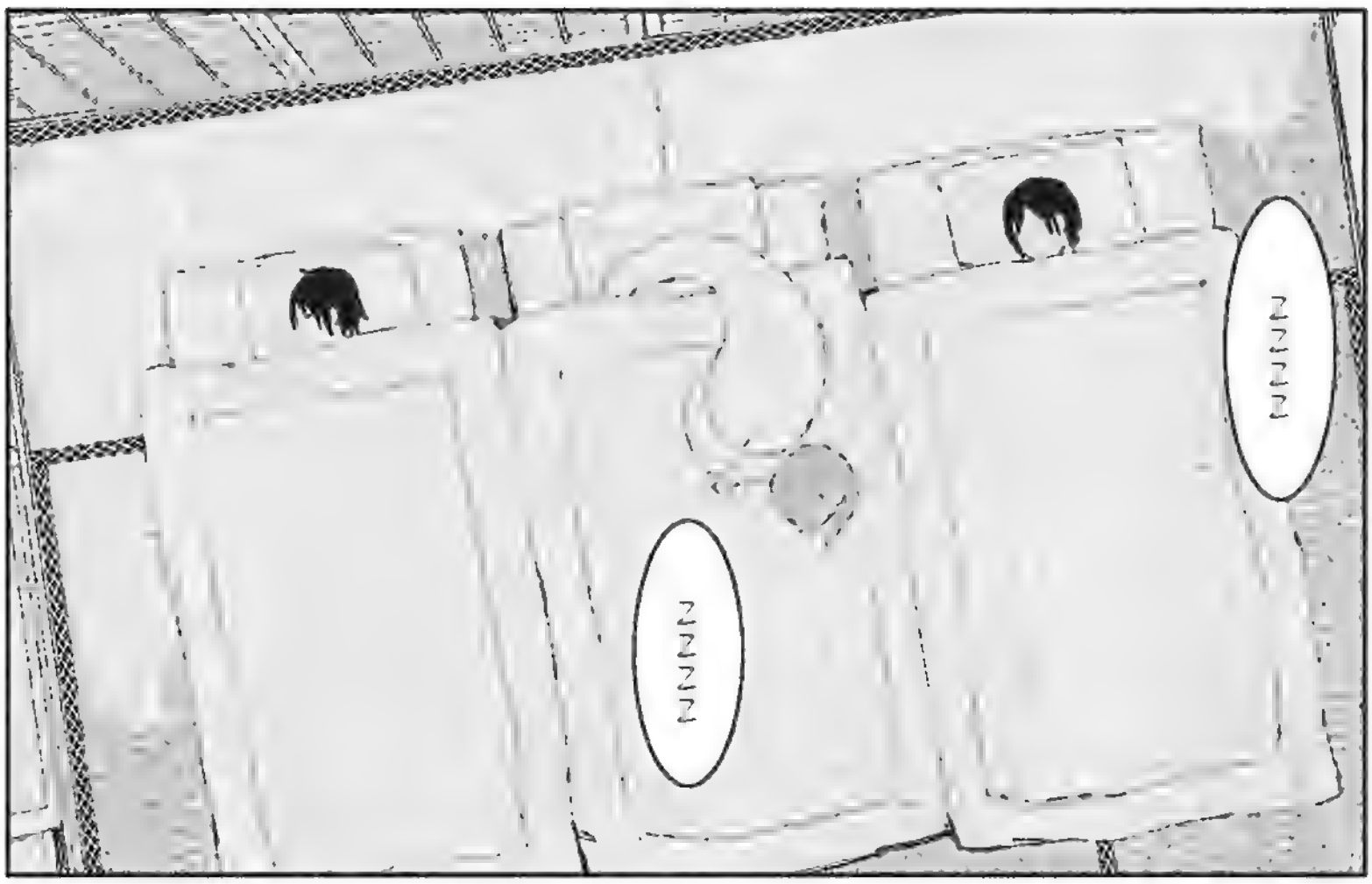
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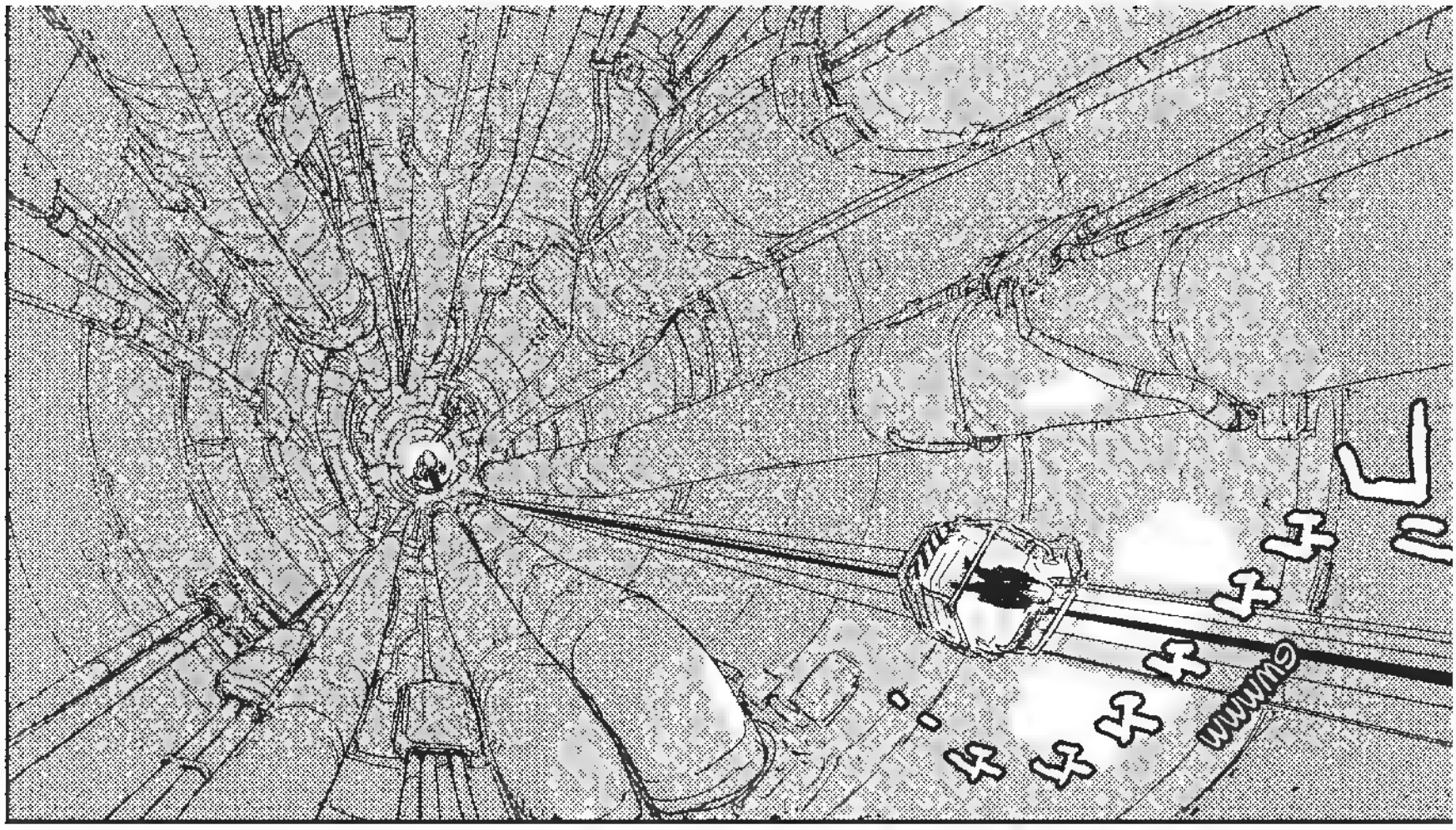
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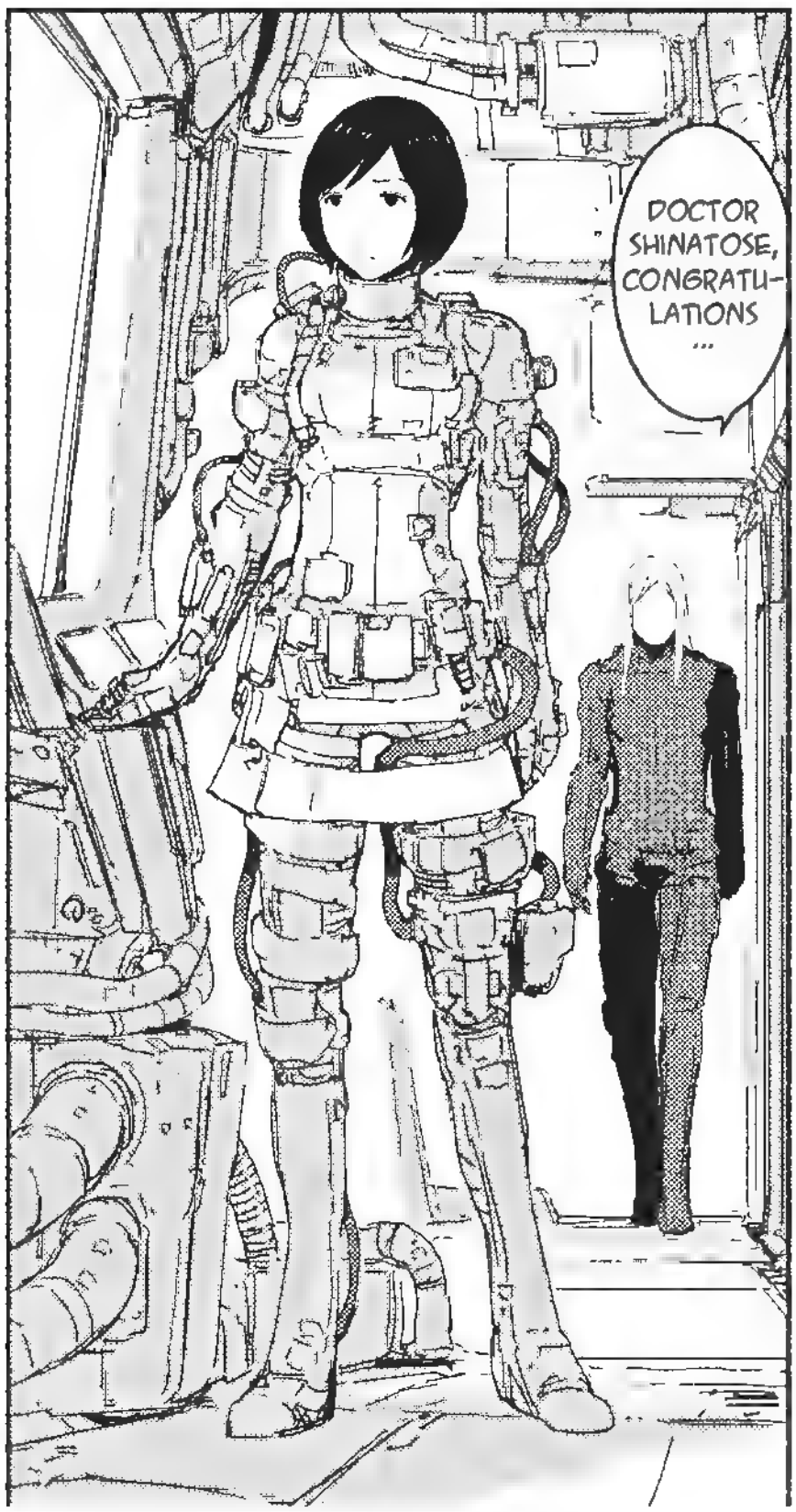
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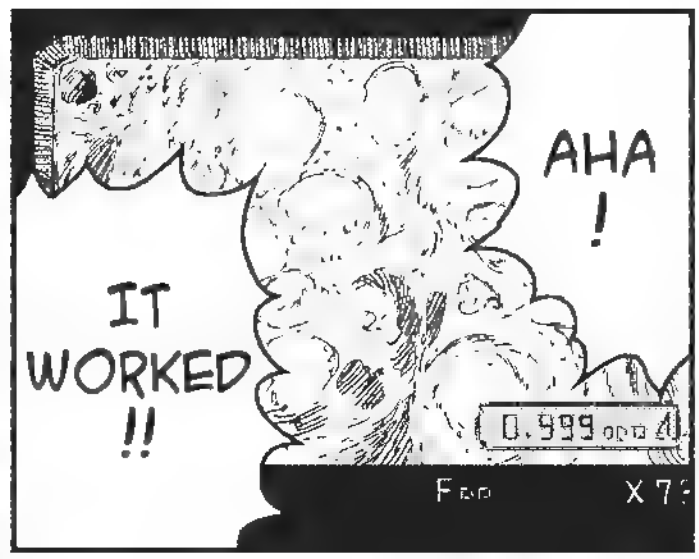
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IT WORKED !!
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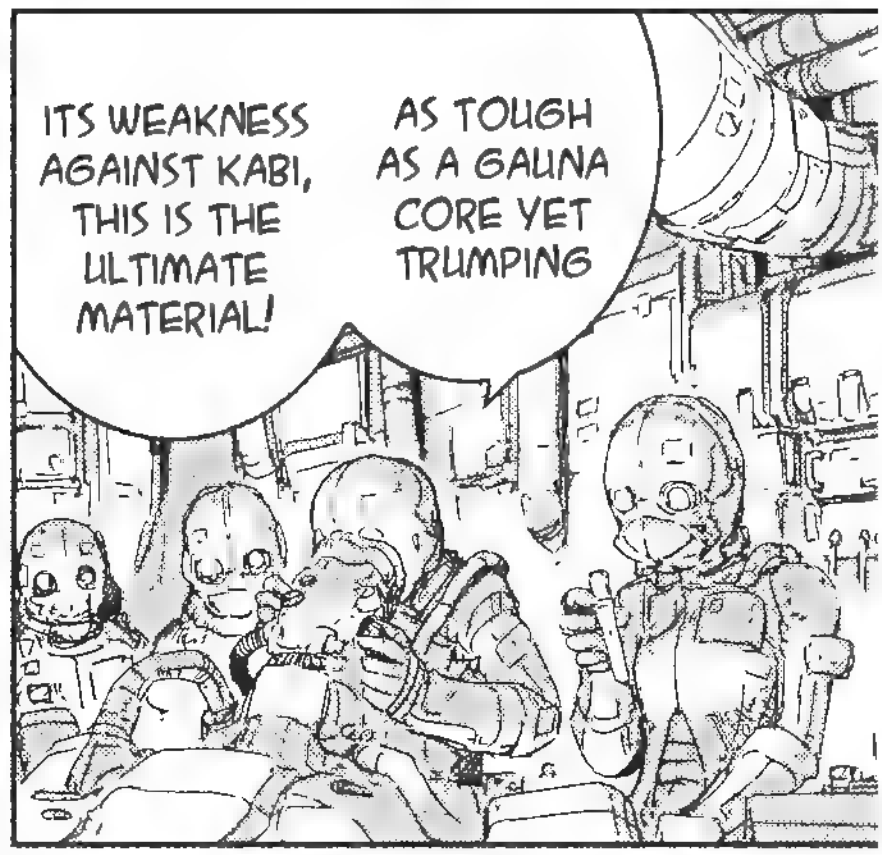
ITS WEAKNESS AGAINST KABI, THIS IS THE ULTIMATE MATERIAL!
AS TOUGH AS A GAUNA CORE YET TRUMPING

ALL RIGHT. THE PRIME SKELETAL FRAMEWORK IS ALMOST COMPLETE ...

GBLUBLUB

REMOVE PRESERVATIVE MEMBRANE, RETURN TO CULTIVATION TANK.

YOU INDEED ARE GOOD.

TO BE HONEST, I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO REALIZE IT THIS SOON.

TSUMUGI HAS PROVEN THAT THE HUMAN QUALITIES OF HYBRIDS CAN BE TRUSTED.

EVEN IF IT WERE TO RUN AMOK, WE HAVE THE NBCS.

...

IT WOULD MAKE FOR A POWERFUL ALLY, BUT IF WE SHOULD SOMEHOW LOSE CONTROL OF IT...

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, NO MEANS IN THIS WORLD EXISTS TO PHYSICALLY DESTROY THIS NEW HYBRID.

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DRRRRRRPP

FSHHHH

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ONE HUN-DRED YEARS AGO ?

SOON... THE DREAM THAT WENT UNFULFILLED ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO WILL COME TRUE...

HA HA HA ... GREAT ...

BWOOO

FSHH

MY DREAM

OCHIAI'S DREAM.

YES.

FZHHH

TO BE BORN ANEW AS THE ULTI-MATE LIFE FORM.

THE CRE-ATION OF AN ULTIMATE LIFE FORM.

SQUIK

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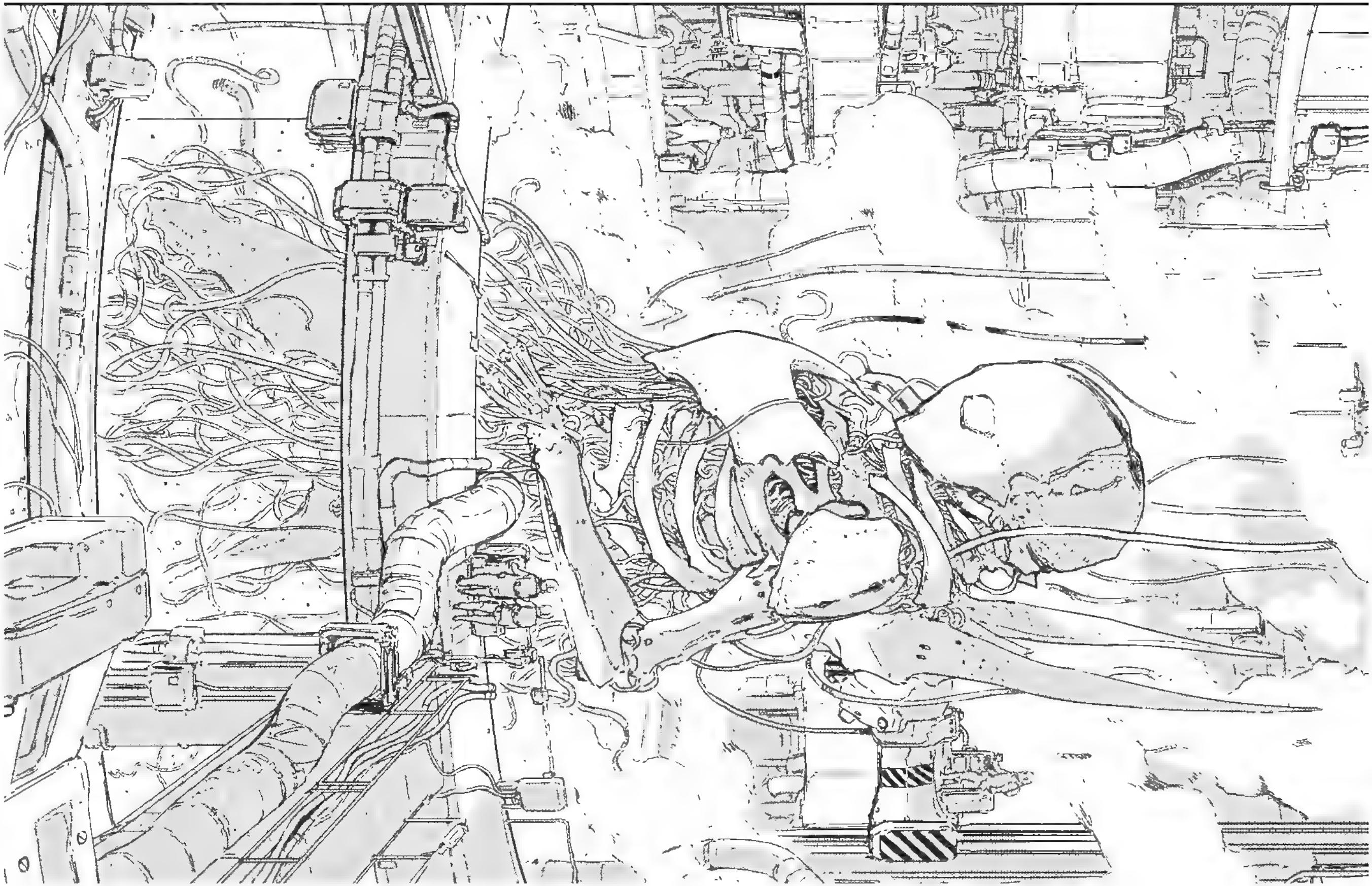

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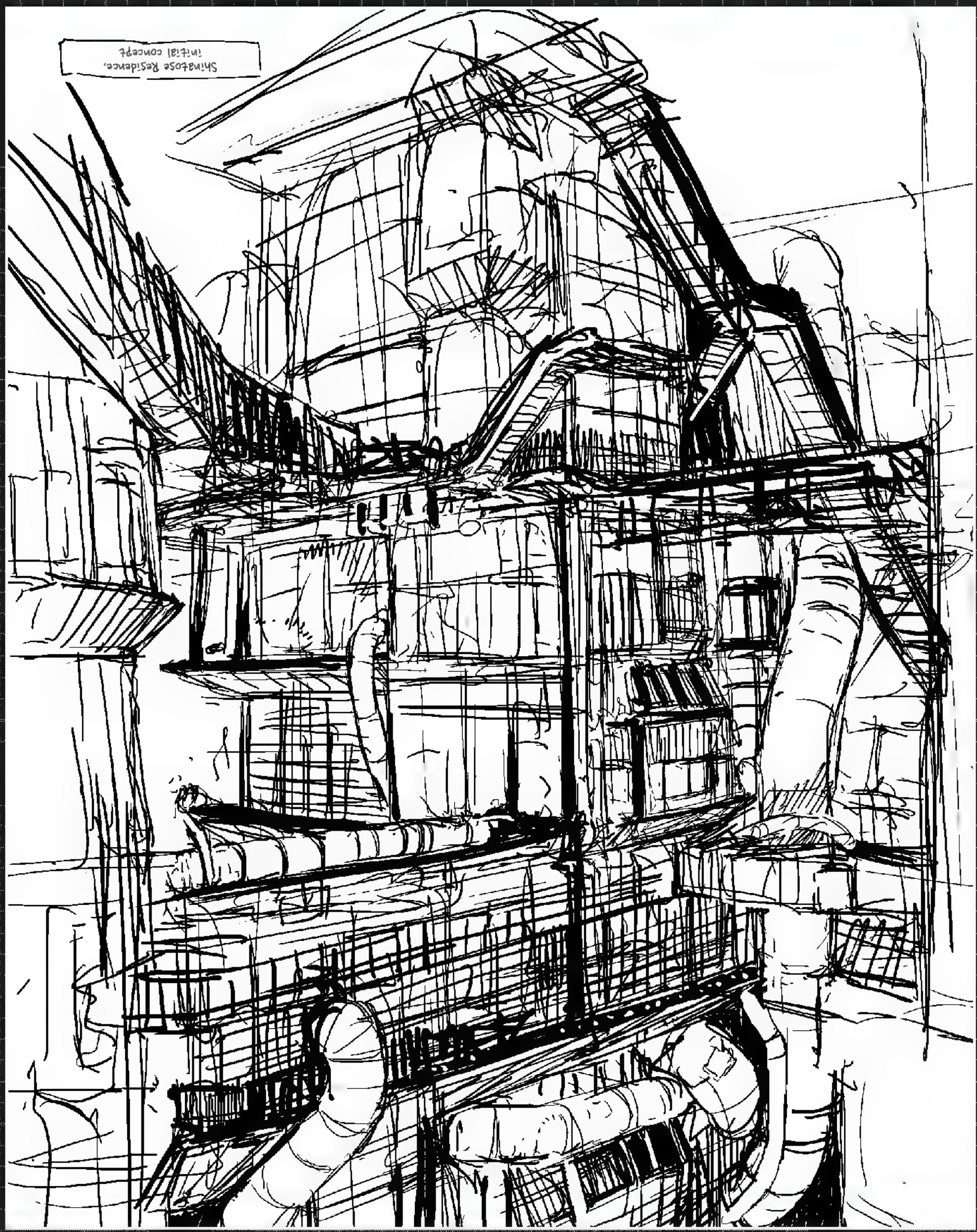
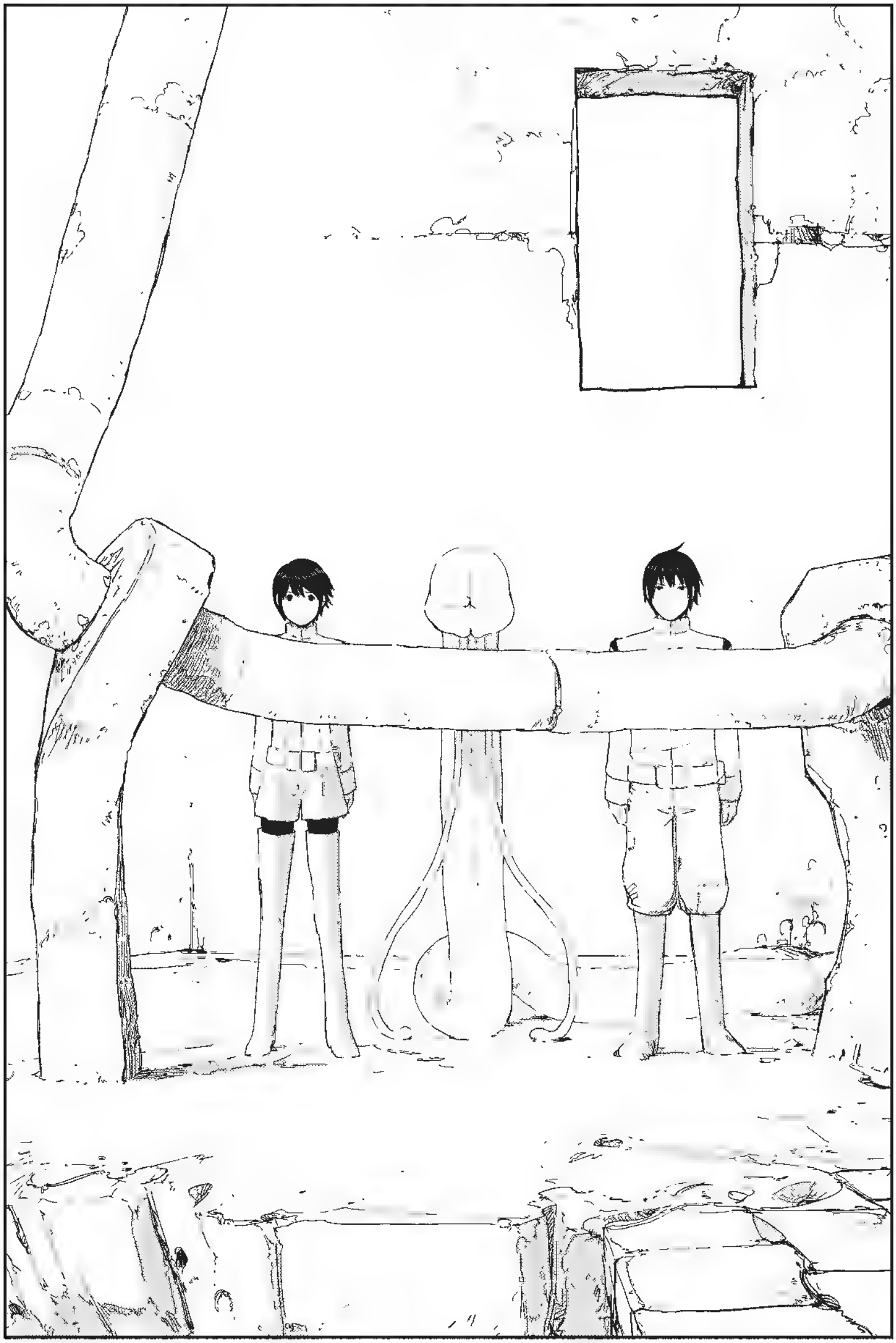
KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA


Shinatose Residence,
initial concept

Chapter 38: Tsumugi Shiraui's Yearning



One Hundred Sights of Sidonia Part Thirty:
Perimeter Wall Elevator Anterior

GWOMM

GOOD MORNING.

GRRK

FWWOOOO

GRRM

I CAN TIE A SPIRAL BUTTERFLY KNOT WITH ONE HAND NOW.

KSHK

KSHK

FSH

MORNING. GOTTEN USED TO YOUR NEW HAND?

YES, A BIT.

WELL THEN, WHY DON'T WE TEST THAT TEN-FINGER GRIP.

HUH, WAY TO GO.

IT IS. IT'S EVEN BEGINNING TO FEEL LIKE I HAD TEN FINGERS TO BEGIN WITH.

THE HUMAN BRAIN SURE IS A FINE THING.

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GRIP

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GRIP

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BRACE

SWING

East 4 00
Residence
Administration
One Hundred Sights of Sakura
FINDING SPECIAL ISSUES

I NEED TO ASK ABOUT SOMETHING AGAIN.
SURE. WHAT IS IT?
HELLO.
OH, MR. TANIKAZE. HELLO.

I DID SOME HOMEWORK. COULD YOU HAVE A LOOK AT THIS?

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU APPRE-CIATED PIPES SO MUCH.

I'M LOOKING FOR A PROPERTY THAT'S GOT LOTS OF OLD DUCTS GOING THROUGH IT.

UNRESTRICTED

OOH. GOOD FOR YOU!

I'VE... NEVER ADVISED ABOUT A PROPERTY ON THE PERIMETER WALL BEFORE.

TH-THIS IS AN... UNRESTRICTED RESIDENCE PERMIT!

SOMEWHERE WITH NOT ALL THAT MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE BEST.

ERR... SO HERE, OR THIS SECTION HERE, ON THE PERIMETER WALL.

THE PERI-METER WALL?!

FOR BEING ABLE TO LIVE ON THE PERIMETER WALL.

I ENVY YOU

I'LL FIND SOME DUCT MAPS, PLEASE GIVE ME A MINUTE.

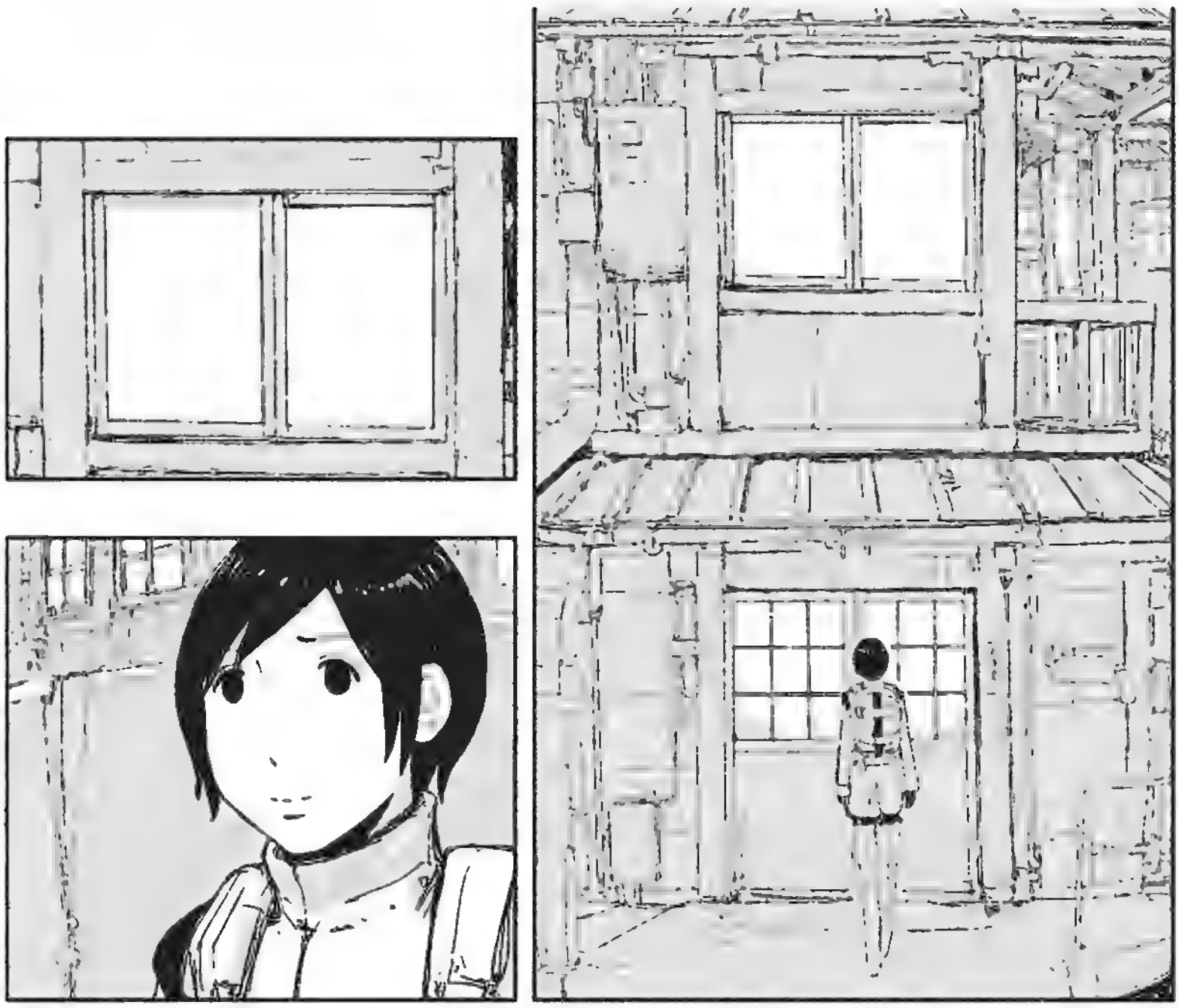
AH, HOW ABOUT HERE?

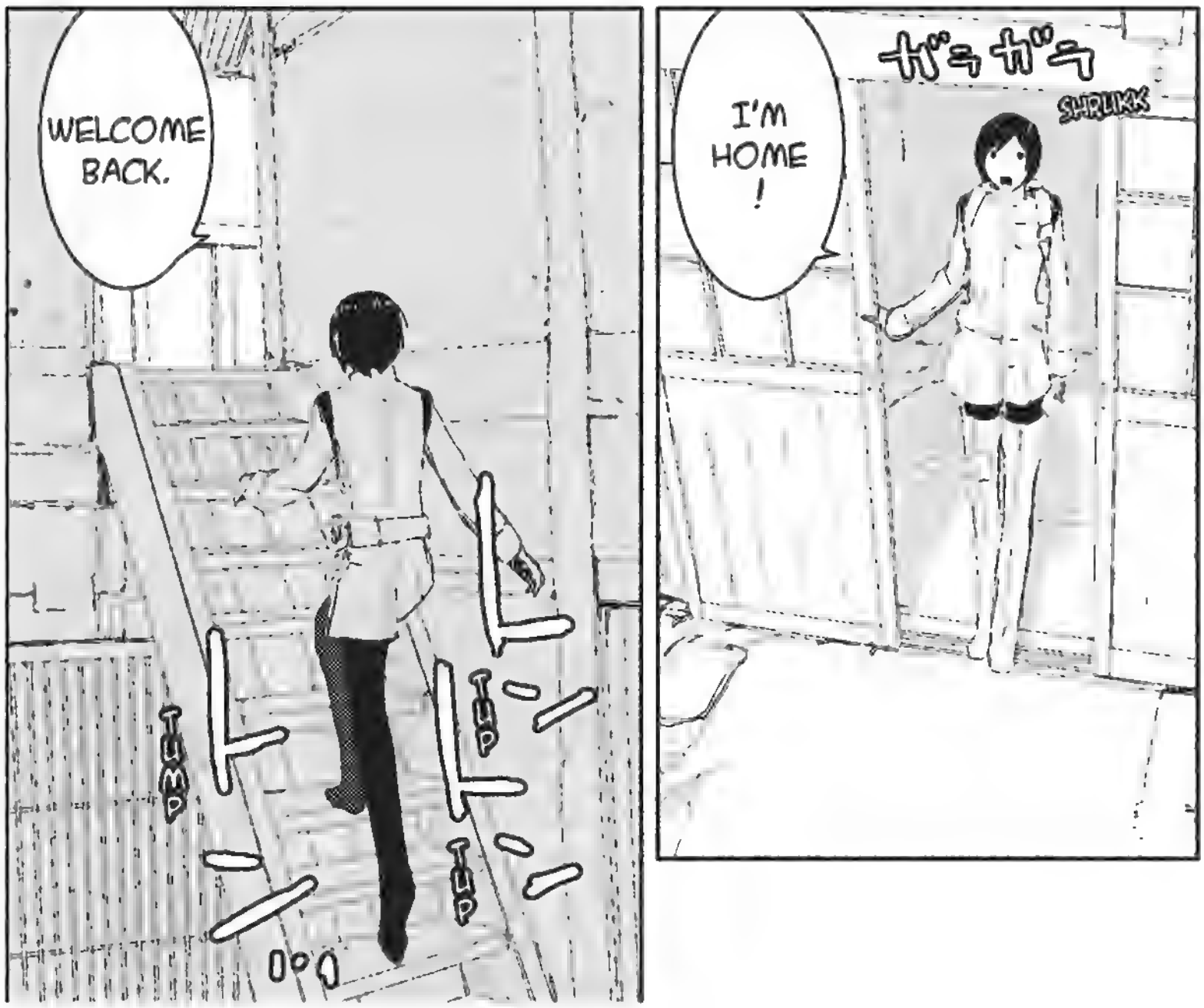
PILOTS HAVE TO LIVE NEAR A TRANSPORT ARTERY, DON'T THEY...

THE BUILDING IS TIMEWORN, BUT LOOK AT THIS OLD DUCT SNAKING AROUND.

OF COURSE IT IS!

IS THAT SO?




WELCOME BACK.
I'M HOME !
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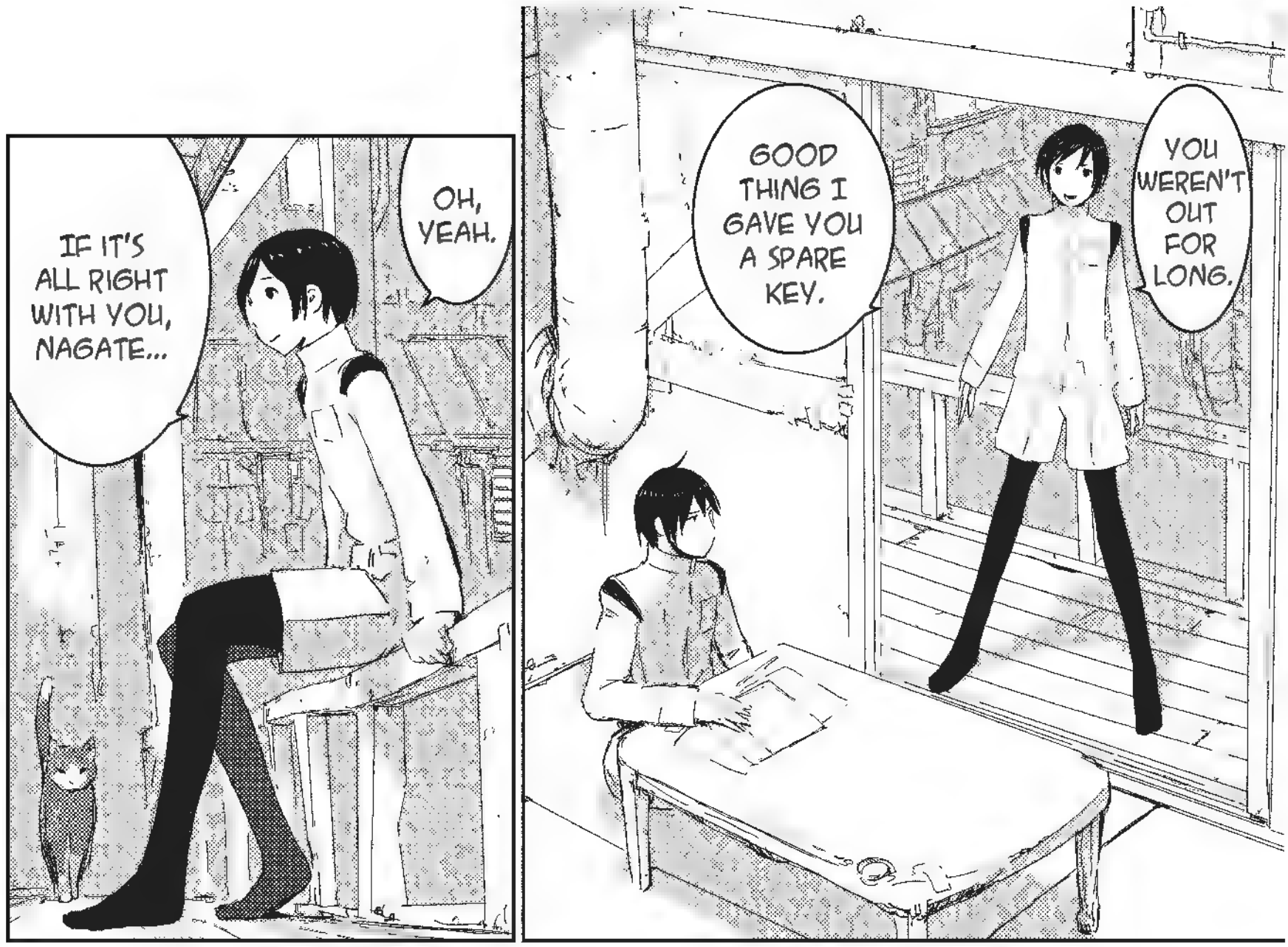
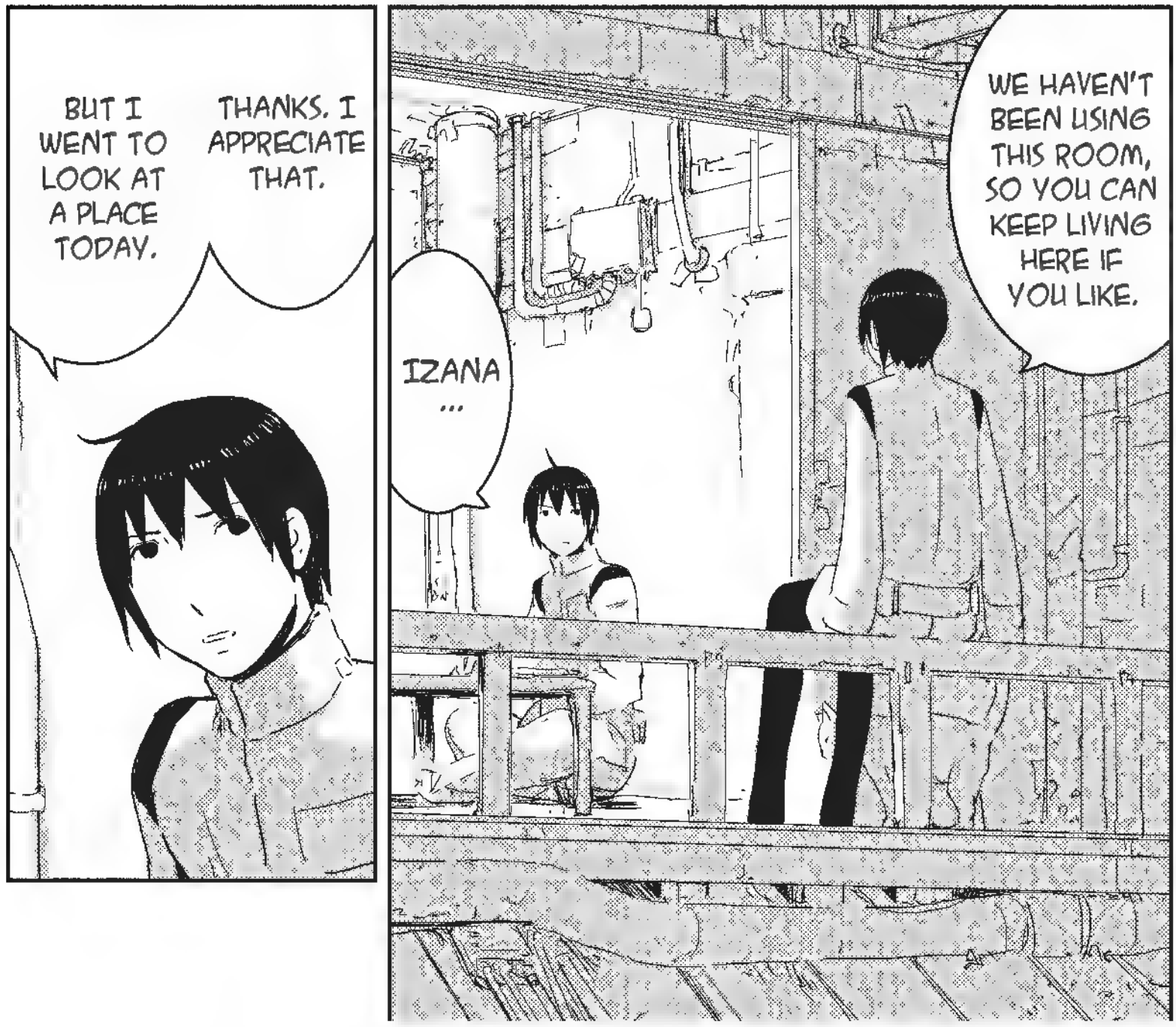

IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, NAGATE...
OH, YEAH.
GOOD THING I GAVE YOU A SPARE KEY.
YOU WEREN'T OUT FOR LONG.


BUT I WENT TO LOOK AT A PLACE TODAY.
THANKS. I APPRECIATE THAT.
IZANA ...
WE HAVEN'T BEEN USING THIS ROOM, SO YOU CAN KEEP LIVING HERE IF YOU LIKE.

WHAT'S THAT? A DUCT MAP?

YUP.

O-OH!

IT'S FINE THEN. SORRY, FORGET WHAT I SAID JUST NOW.

AND RIGHT HERE IS...

Ice

Outer Space

Property

Perimeter Wall

Residential Tower

THIS IS THE PLACE I LOOKED AT TODAY.

WOW!

IT'S A PROP-ERTY ON THE PERI-METER WALL!

WE COULD HAVE TSUMUGI OVER RELATIVELY SAFELY.

I CHECKED TO SEE THAT AN OLD DUCT RUNS THERE.

YUP.

TSU-MUGI'S ROOM!

WHY DON'T YOU MOVE OUT THERE ALONG WITH ME, IZANA?

HUH ?!!

IF I WANT TO?

HMPH

...

SO ONLY IF YOU WANT TO, OF COURSE.

THE BUILDING'S PRETTY OLD, THOUGH,

AH !

WAH

BSHK

IT'S ON THE PERIMETER WALL. YOU MAY HAVE A PERMIT, NAGATE, BUT IT'S NOT OPEN TO RANK-AND-FILE PILOTS LIKE ME.

SEE, IZANA?
HERE!
HERE!
B-BUT THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM! IT SAYS HERE I'M ALLOWED TO HAVE UP TO ONE ROOMMATE!
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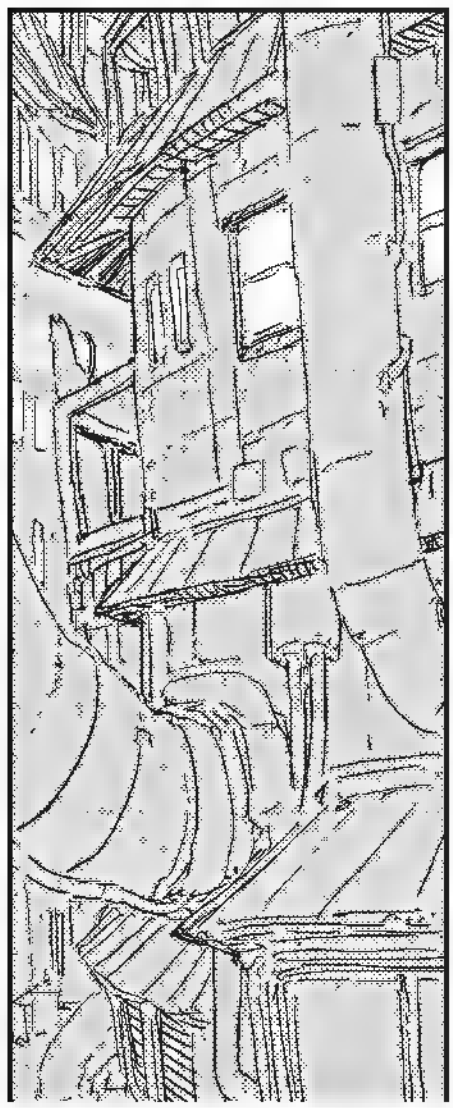
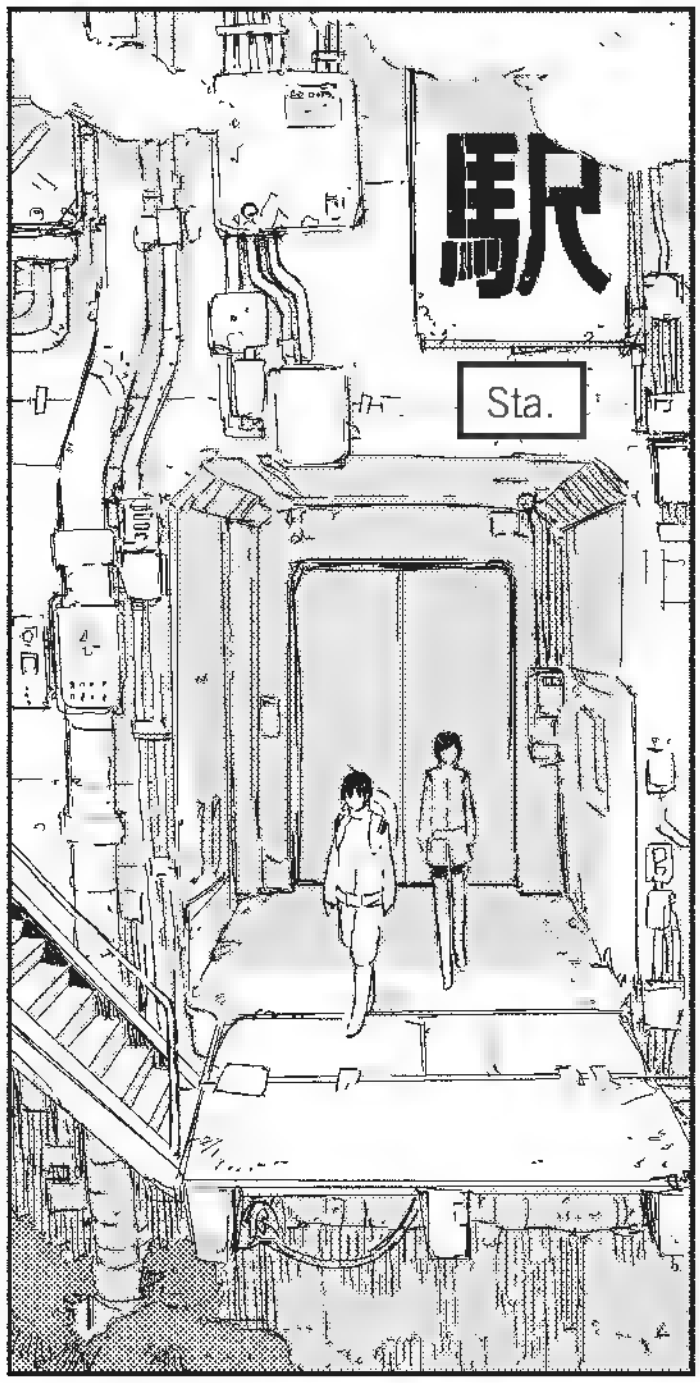
FWAP FWAP

I'M SORRY... I'D BEEN MEANING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT FIRST, BUT I HAD SOME UNEXPECTED FREE TIME TODAY...



SMILE
I DON'T MIND
MOVING IN WITH YOU IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT.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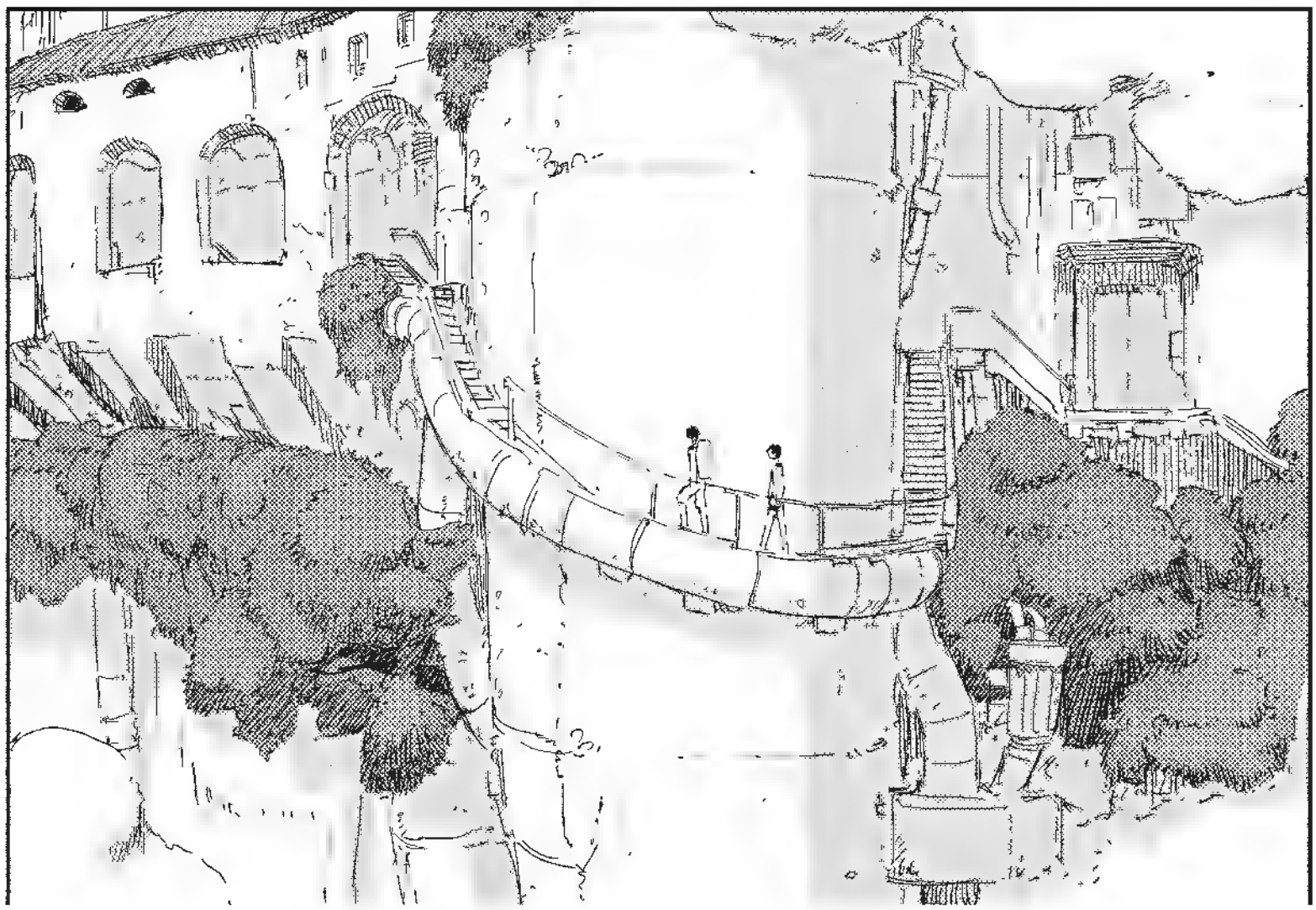
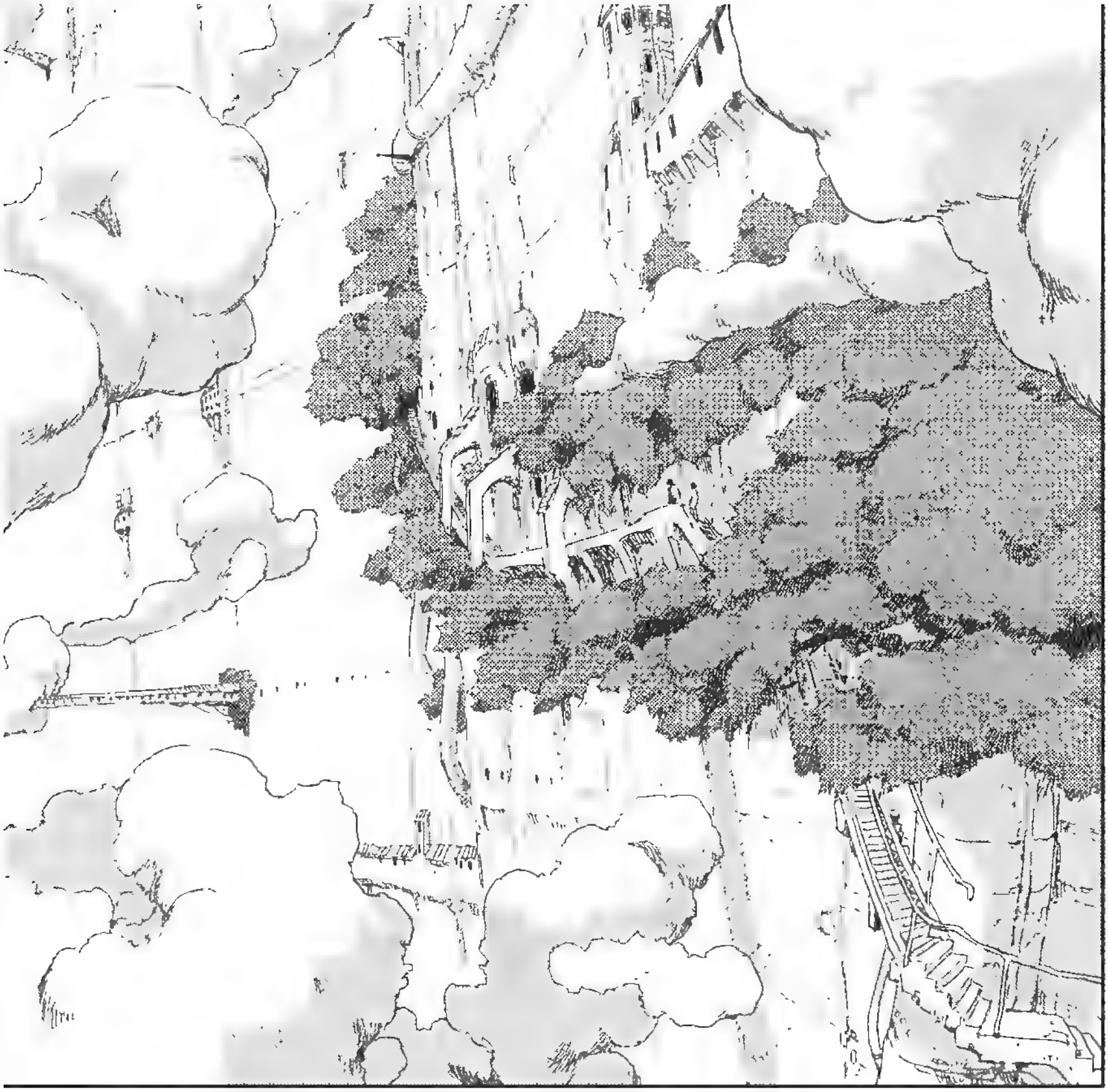
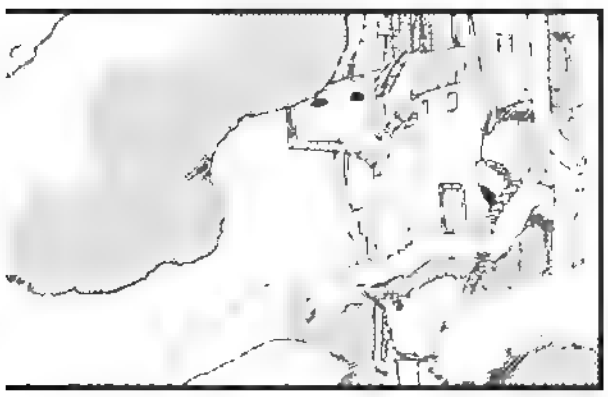


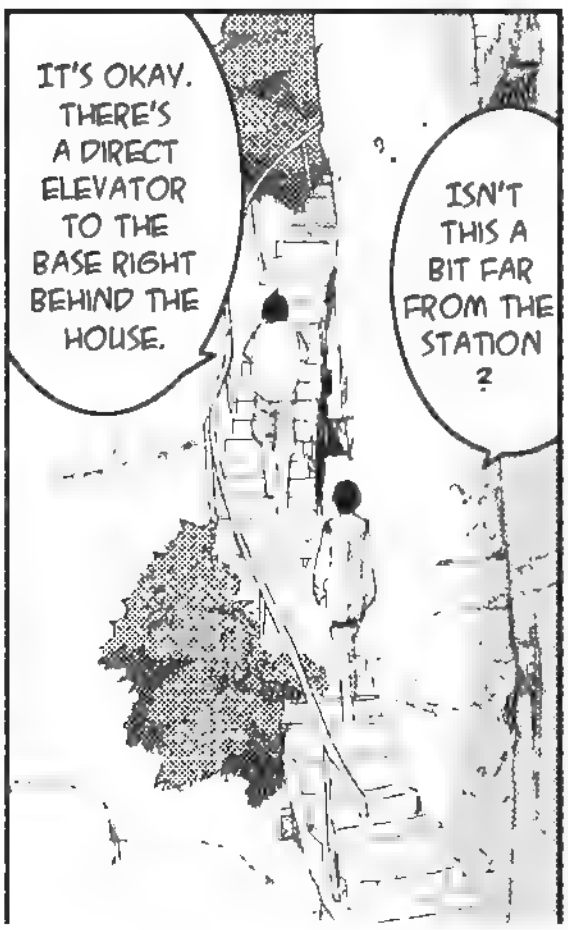


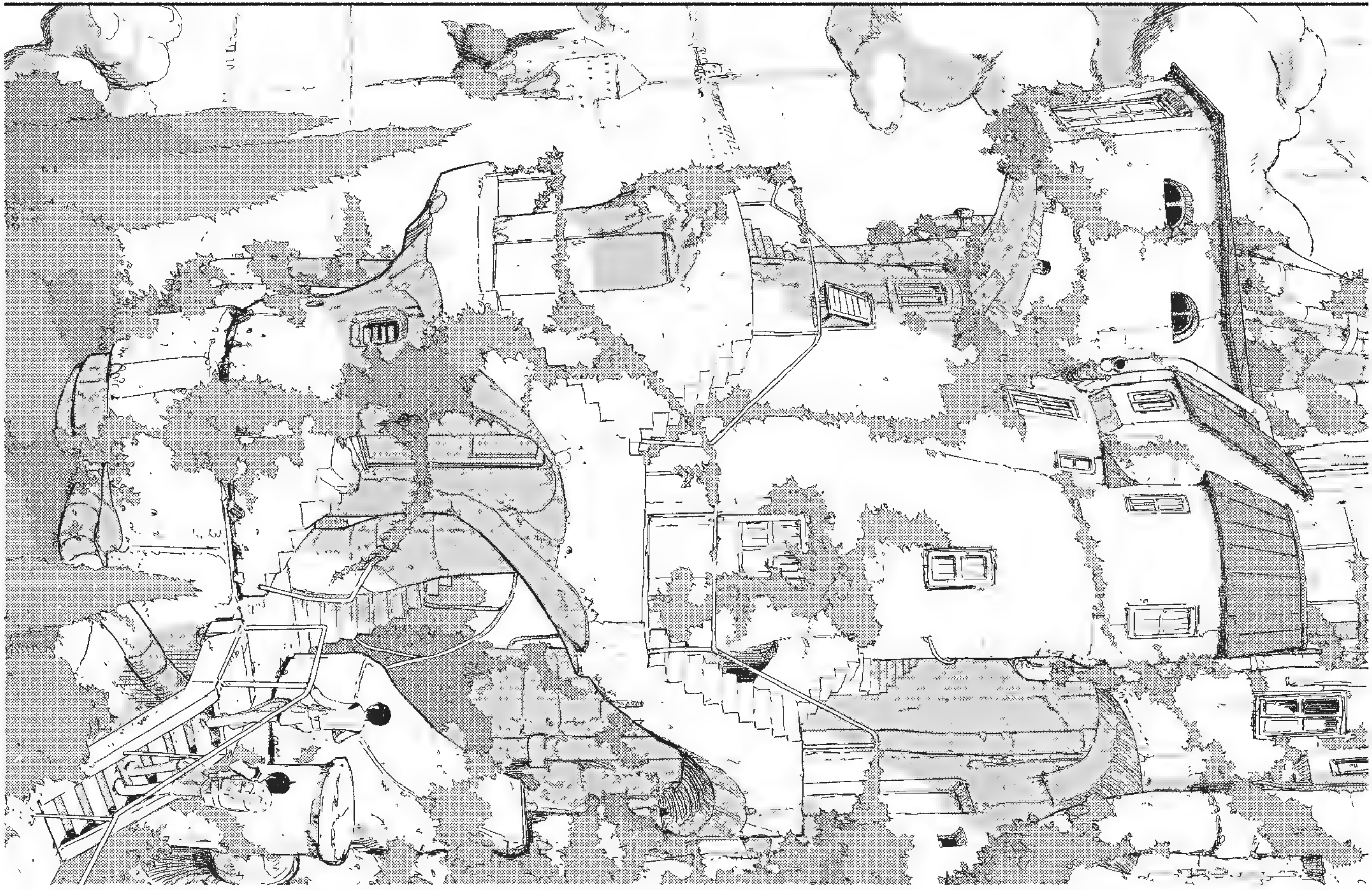


IT'S COMING IN SIGHT.

IT'S OKAY. THERE'S A DIRECT ELEVATOR TO THE BASE RIGHT BEHIND THE HOUSE.

ISN'T THIS A BIT FAR FROM THE STATION?





RIGHT ?

NICE PLACE !

THERE'S DUST BUILT UP IN THE DUCT AND SHE'S PUTTING PRESSURE ON IT.

HOLD YOUR BREATH !

IZANA !

I'LL CALL TSUMUGI.

HELLO !!

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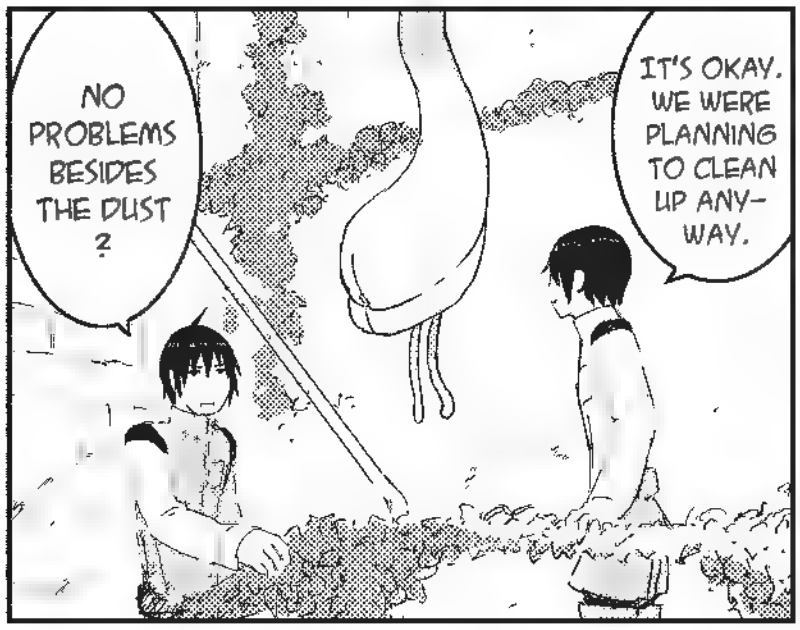
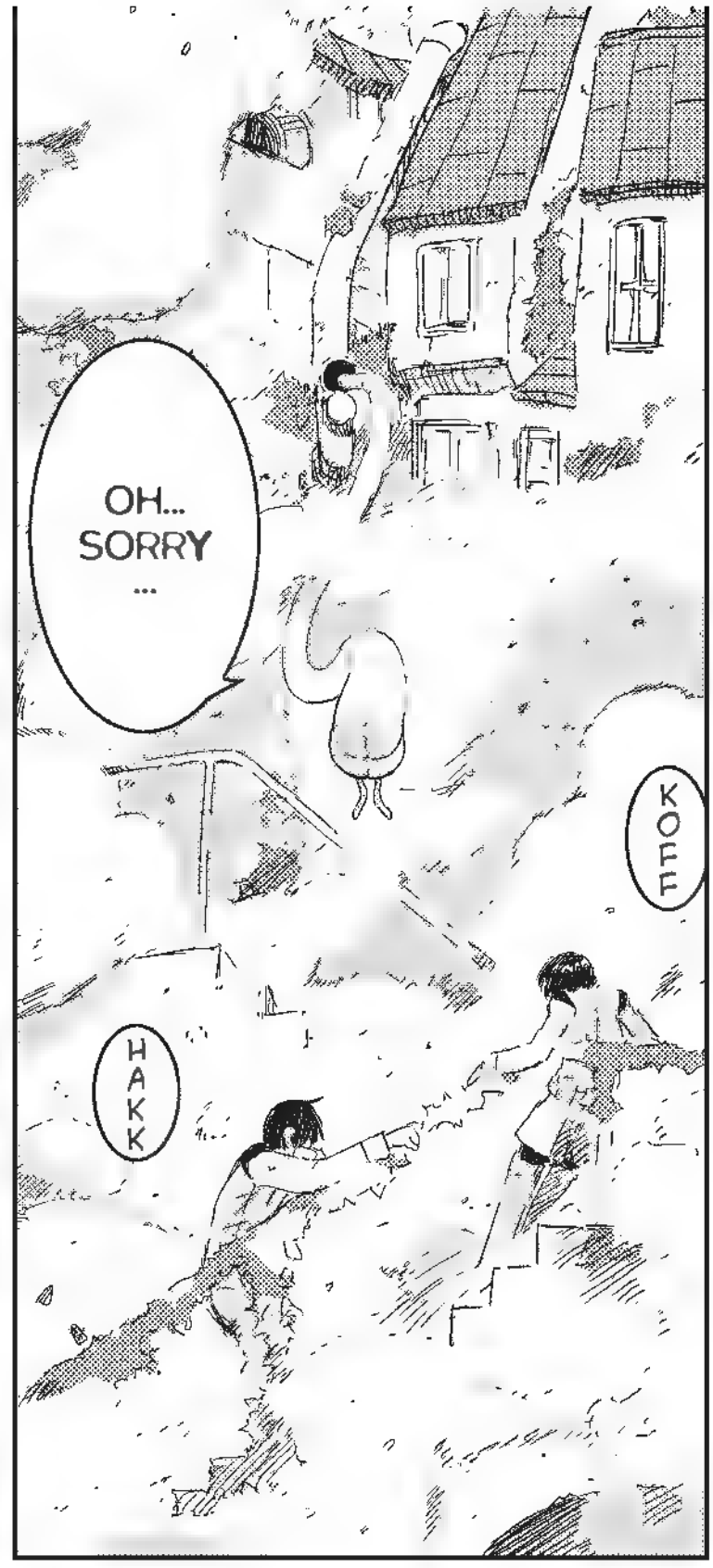
BLOOM


NO PROBLEMS BESIDES THE DUST?
IT'S OKAY. WE WERE PLANNING TO CLEAN UP ANY-WAY.

NO, NONE!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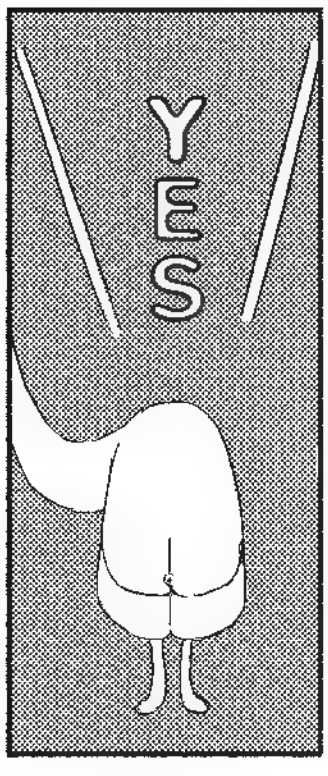
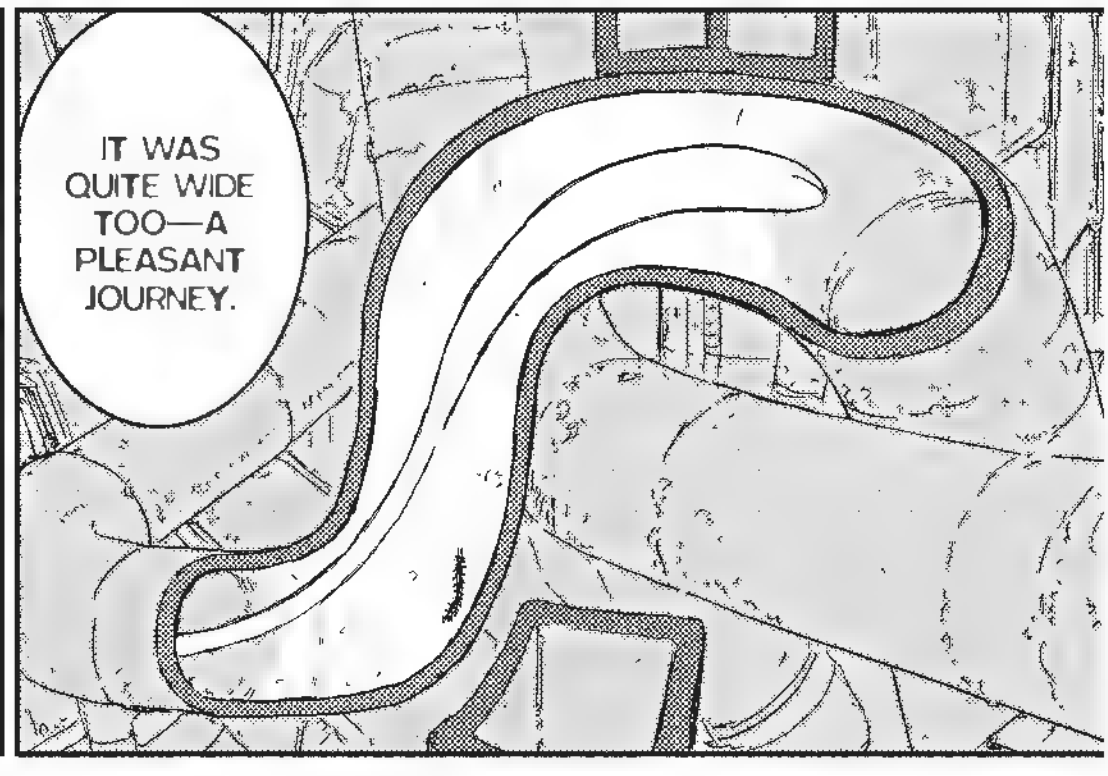
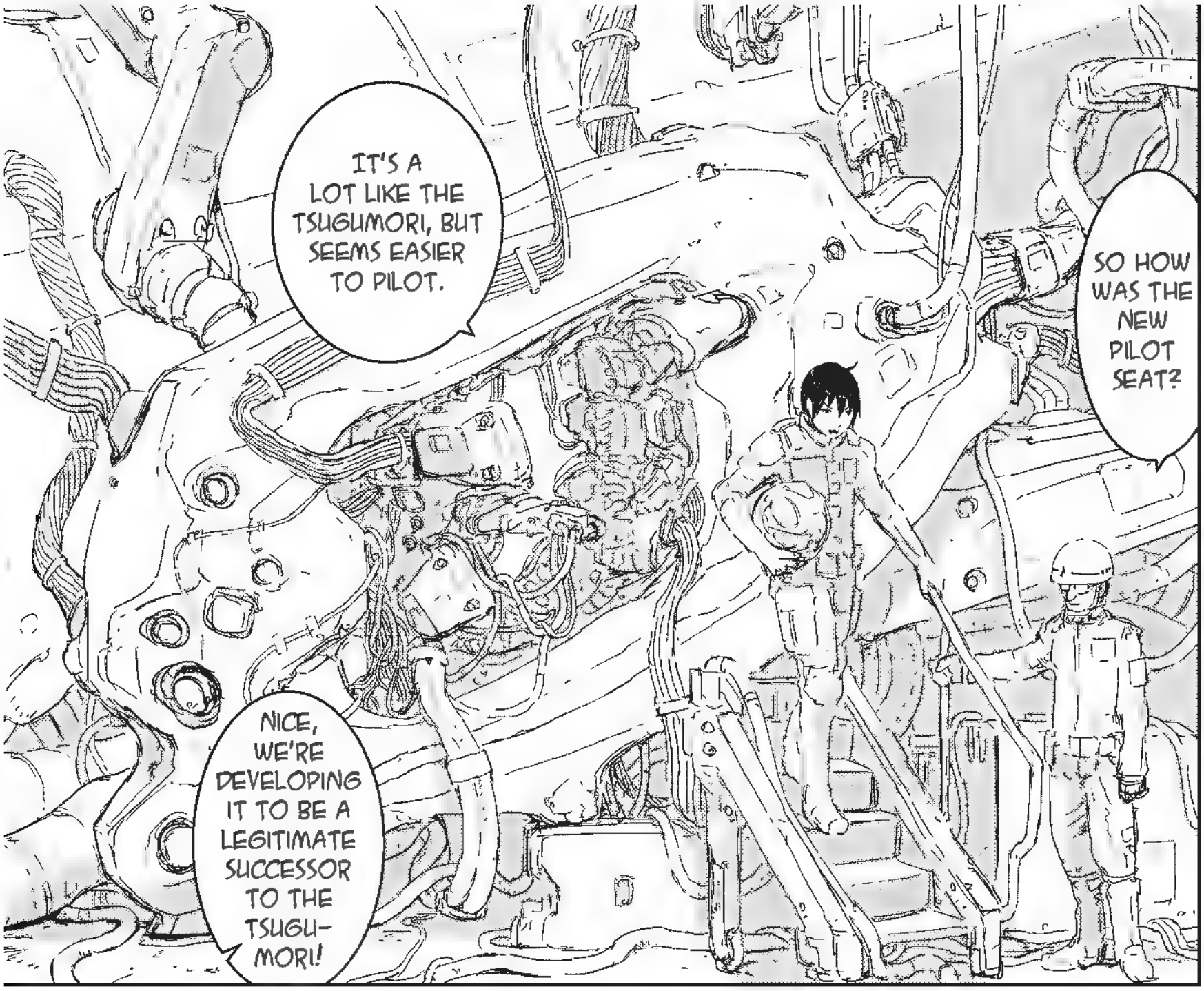
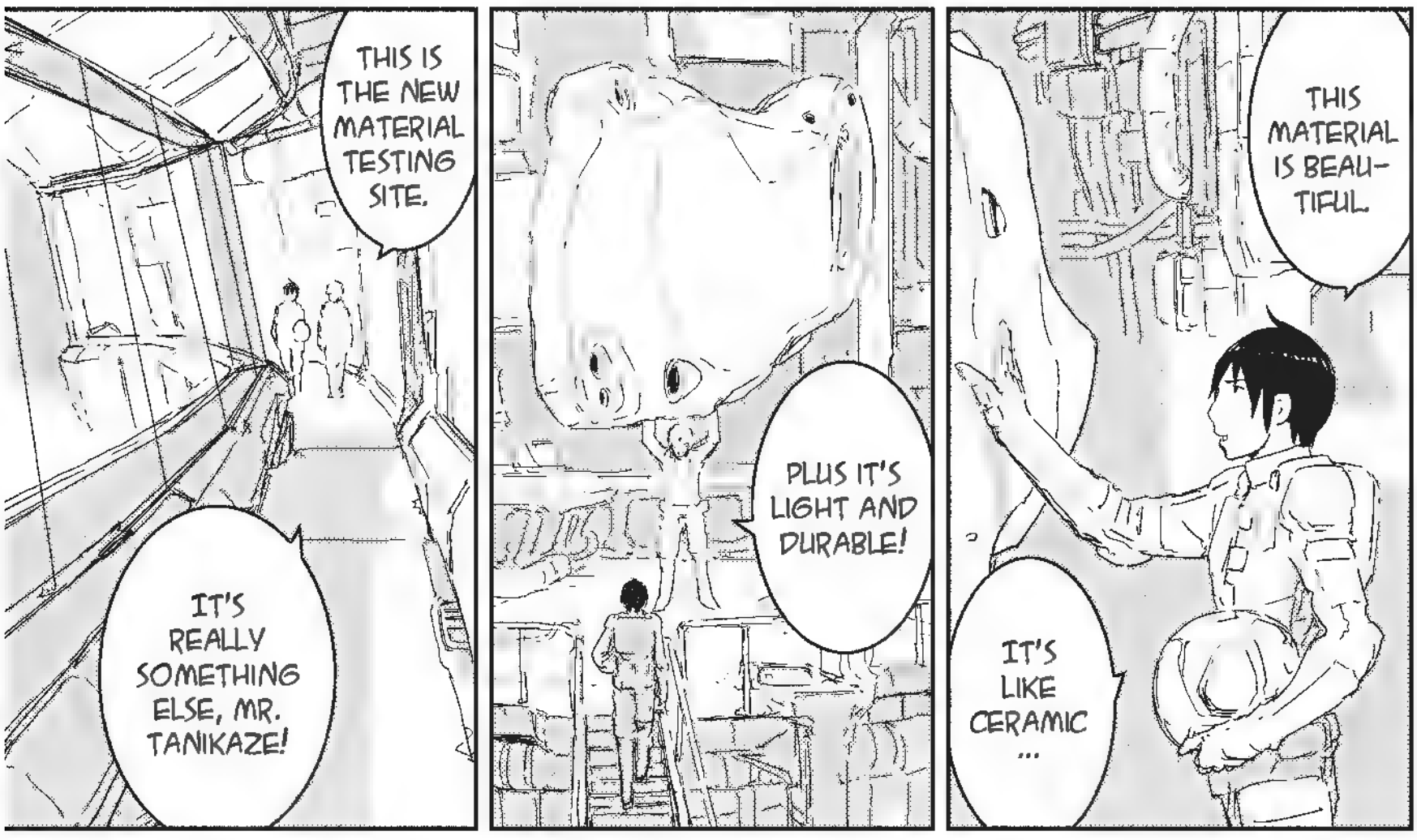
HAKK


YES

GLAD TO HEAR THAT!


IT WAS QUITE WIDE TOO—A PLEASANT JOURNEY.


IT'S A LOT LIKE THE TSUGUMORI, BUT SEEMS EASIER TO PILOT.
SO HOW WAS THE NEW PILOT SEAT?
NICE, WE'RE DEVELOPING IT TO BE A LEGITIMATE SUCCESSOR TO THE TSUGU-MORI!


THIS IS THE NEW MATERIAL TESTING SITE.
IT'S REALLY SOMETHING ELSE, MR. TANIKAZE!
PLUS IT'S LIGHT AND DURABLE!
THIS MATERIAL IS BEAU-TIFUL
IT'S LIKE CERAMIC ...

WHICH MEANS IT'S INCREDIBLY TOUGH.

WHICH MEANS IT'S INCREDIBLY TOUGH?

WE STILL HAVEN'T CUT THROUGH A NEEDLE-SIZED SAMPLE AFTER A MONTH.

A HUN-DRED TIMES?!!

THE PRODUCTION COST IS ABOUT A HUNDRED TIMES MORE THAN THE SERIES 195, I'D SAY.

IT ALSO TAKES AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT TO PRODUCE THE RAM MATERIALS AND TO MOLD THEM.

BUT AS A RESULT, IT'S INCREDIBLY HARD TO PROCESS AFTER IT'S BEEN MOLDED.

GRMM

GRM

BE300

TANIKAZE!

GET UP HERE. I'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING INTERESTING.

HEY, DON'T PUT SO MUCH PRESSURE ON HIM. WE DON'T EVEN KNOW FOR SURE YET IF TANIKAZE'S GONNA PILOT IT.

IT'S GOING TO BE A STERLING UNIT. IT COULD FLY INTO THE CORE OF A STAR! ALTHOUGH THE PILOT WOULD PROBABLY BE VAPORIZED.

GWRRRM
FWOOO
GSHHG
KNG
KNG
GWWMM
GWEEEM
ZWM
GWRRM
IT'S BIG...
IT'S A GARDE AUTONOMOUS SUPPORT CRAFT PROTO-TYPE.
YOU DUMBASS, I SAID "LINK."
SO IT TRANS-FORMS!
BY DEFAULT IT CAN LINK TO FOUR GARDES WITHIN ITS ARMORING.

UM, YEAH ...

IS THAT SYNTHETIC KABI ON THE TIP THERE?

I HEARD THAT THANKS TO DEVELOPING A SUPER-HIGH-COST UNIT, THE PRODUCTION COUNT OF SERIES 195 HAS FALLEN, AND SERIES 185 WILL CONTINUE TO SEE ACTIVE SERVICE.

SO IT'S BASICALLY A COFFIN FOR SUICIDE ATTACKS ON GALINAS?

SORRY. SHE'S A LITTLE WOUND UP ABOUT THE UPCOMING OP.

COME ON, LET'S GO.

HEY!

MEANING PILOTS LIKE US WHO WON'T BE GETTING SERIES 195 CAN JUST GET IN THIS THING AND SLAM INTO THE GREATER CLUSTER SHIP, RIGHT?

WELL, IF I WERE COMMANDER, I SUPPOSE I WOULDN'T ORDER MY EXPENSIVE, CUTTING-EDGE UNITS AND CRACK PILOTS SOMEWHERE WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF GALINAS MIGHT BE LURKING, EITHER.

IT'S SERIES 18S THAT THEY'RE SENDING OUT TO SCOUT PLANET NINE TOO.

MUST BE NICE BEING A HERO, HUH?

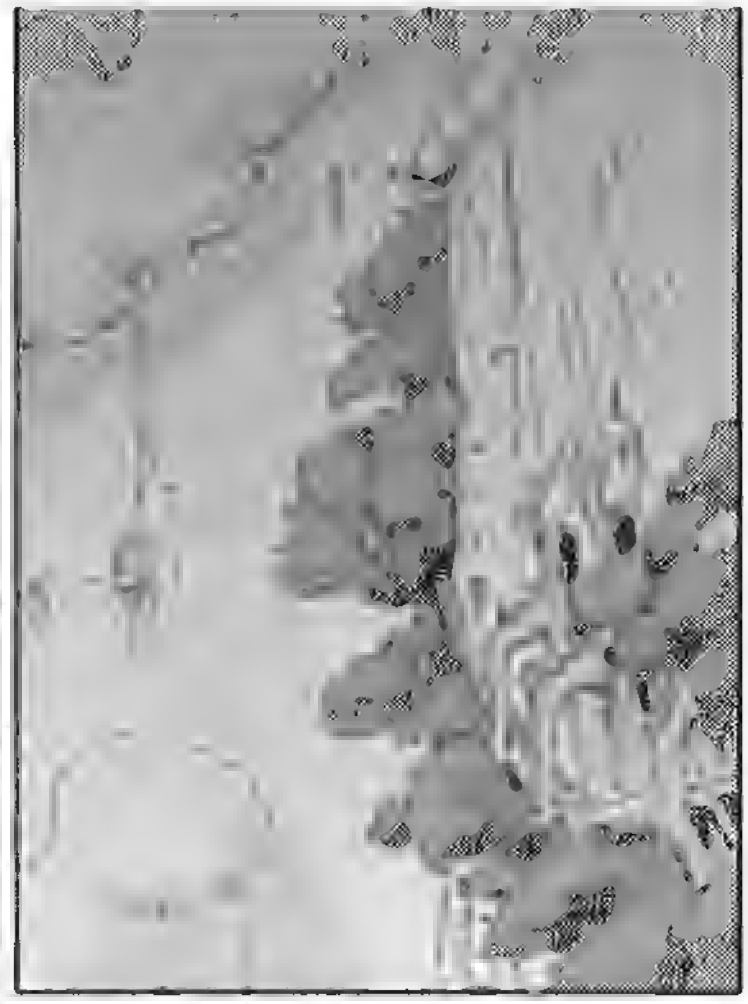
SIDONIA IS COUNTING ON YOU, SIR HERO!

HAHAHAHAHA

I DON'T WANNA SEE NO TORMENTED ACE.

OKAY.

DON'T LISTEN TO HER.



ACTUALLY I DON'T REALLY NEED TO SLEEP
ALTHOUGH I COULD IF I TRIED

WHAT'S WRONG WITH TAKAZE ?
YOU LOOK BLUE
TSUMUGI YOU'RE STILL UP ?

THAT'S A SAW STAG BEETLE !!

HIS THAT ...

!! ..

IT WAS ON THE BACK WALL.

HA HA.

I'M WEIRD.

OH... RIGHT. IF I SPEAK TOO LOUDLY, I MIGHT WAKE HER UP, YES? SORRY.

NOT SO LOUD. IZANA'S PROBABLY ASLEEP.

SHH.

SUCH A BEAUTIFUL FORM...

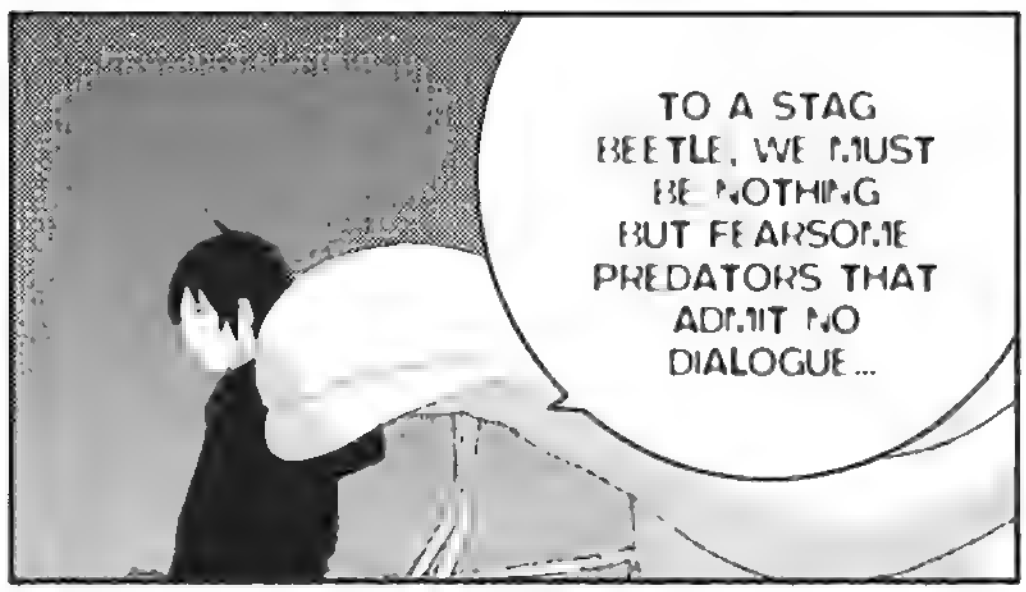
THIS IS... THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN ONE FOR REAL.

ME TOO.

SURE... BUT GENTLY.

UMM... MAY I TOUCH IT?

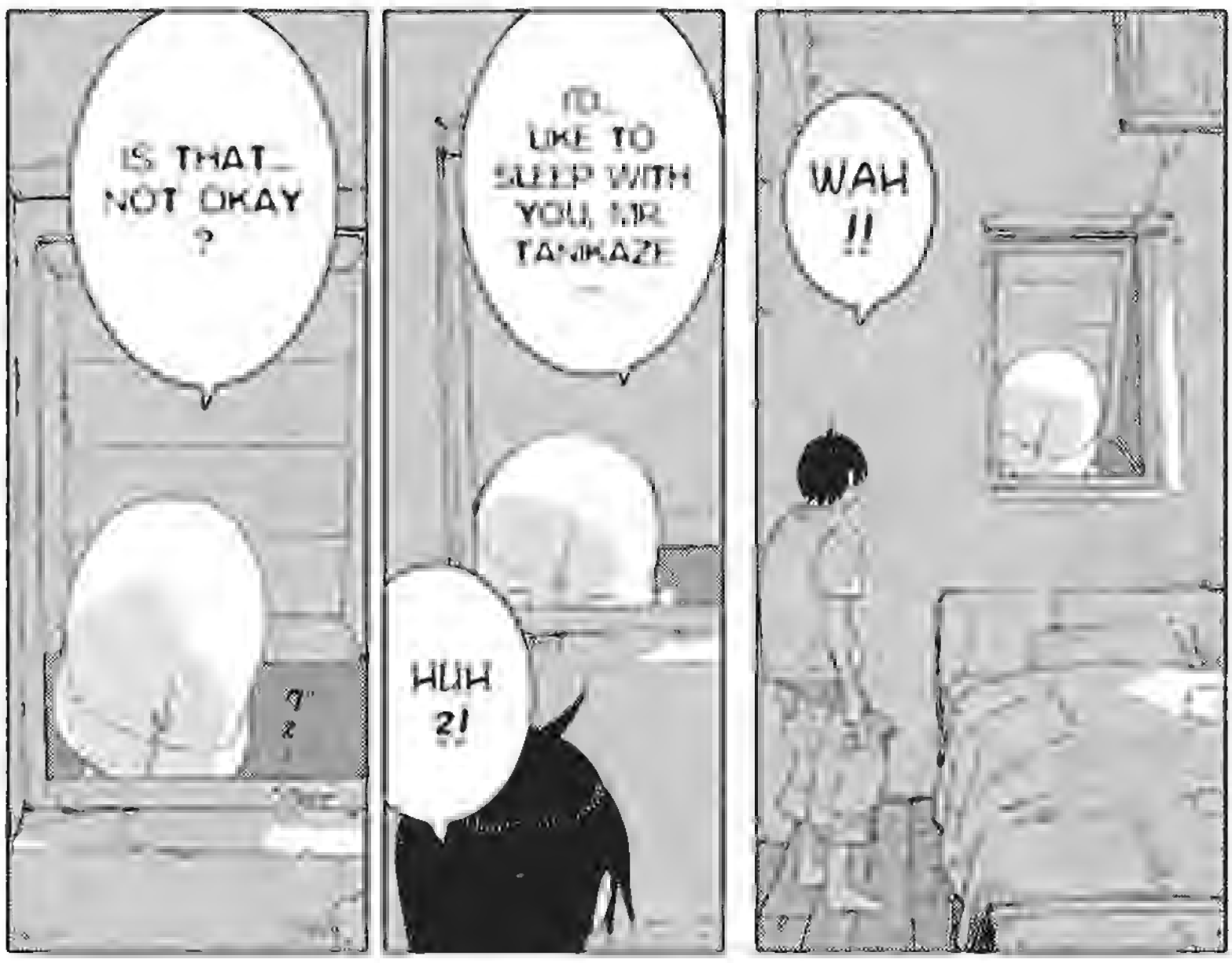
BWWE
AH
FET
PLAK


TO A STAG BEETLE, WE MUST BE NOTHING BUT FEARSOME PREDATORS THAT ADMIT NO DIALOGUE...

IT'S OKAY. I WAS GONNA LET IT GO ANYWAY.
IT... SORRY. IT FLEW OFF...

GOOD NIGHT
ALL RIGHT THEN. NIGHT.

HEY, YOU SEEM SLEEPY, MR TANIKAZE
IT'S PRETTY LATE. I'D BETTER GET TO BED.


IS THAT_
NOT OKAY
?
I'D_
LIKE TO
SLEEP WITH
YOU, MR
TAMAZE
—
HUH
?!
WAH
!!

IT'S CALLED NATTO.

WHAT MIGHT THIS BE?

CHIRP

MR. TANIKAZE, BREAK-FAST !!

GOOD MORNING !

MORN-ING!

MORNING ...

THEY USED TO DO THIS THREE TIMES A DAY.

GOTTA ADMIRE OUR AN-CESTORS ...

WRR

I STIRRED UP THE NATTO.

WHOA, THIS LOOKS SO DELICIOUS!

NO, I'M FINE.

ARE YOU OKAY? YOU COULDN'T SLEEP?

...

HUH ?!

PRRNG

IT'S YUHATA.

LET'S DIG IN!

BLIP

WHAT IS IT?

BLIP

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

YES.

OKAY ...

I'VE BEEN TAPPED TO GO INSTEAD.

SHE SAID SOMEONE WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO GO ON TODAY'S SCOUT MISSION WAS ARRESTED FOR DERELICTION OF DUTY...

WHAT'S WRONG ?

GULP

STAR LEM

RECON SECTOR

GRAVITY TURN

SCOUT TEAM COURSE

PLANET NINE

SEVEN

CLUSTER SHIP

SCOUT TEAM LAUNCH PREPARATIONS COMPLETE!

PURSUANT TO LINKAGE, IMMEDIATELY SET COURSE FOR PLANET NINE. RECON THE SECTOR THAT WE CANNOT SURVEY FROM THIS SIDE, THEN RETURN TO SIDONIA PROMPTLY!

SIDONIA

COM-MENCE OPERA-TION!!

Amulet

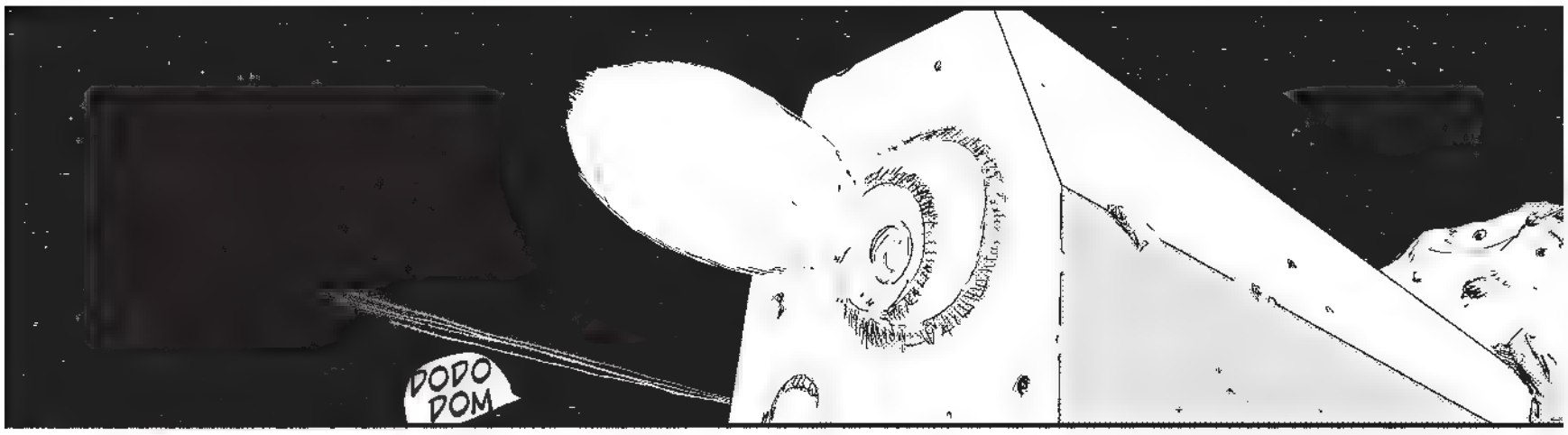
KGLING

GWNNG

GTUM

GWMM

DDOOM
DSHOOM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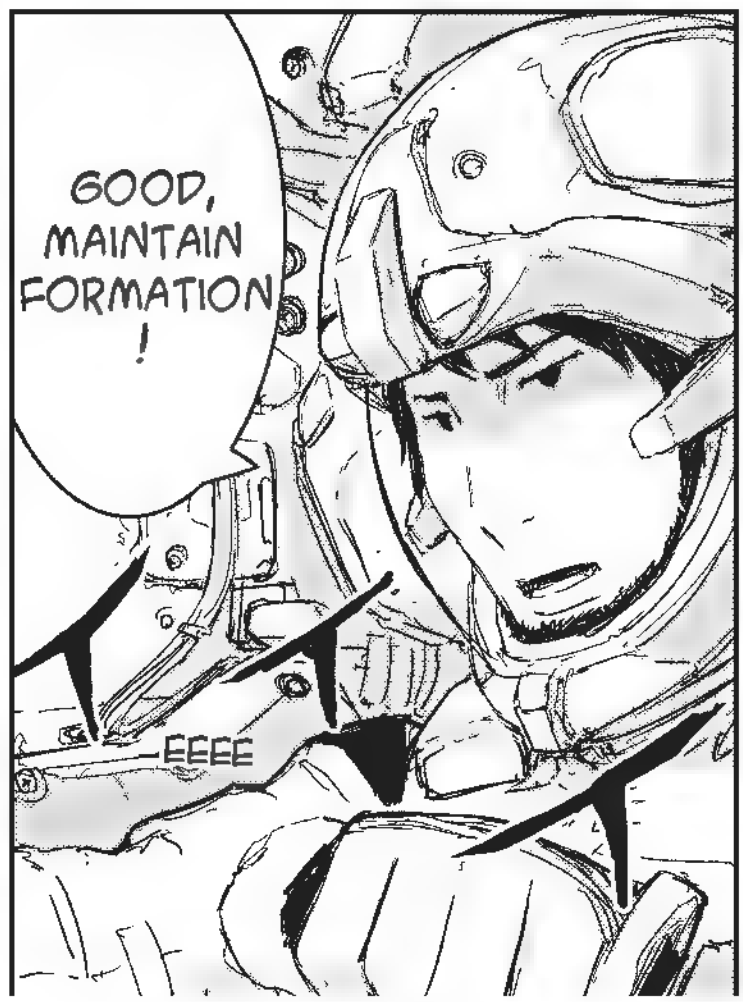
DOM

KWEEE

GWRMM


GOOD, MAINTAIN FORMATION !
—EEEE

GRRM
GONK
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WHZZZ
WOO
VVVT
BEEEP
BEEEP
BEEEP
FWOOO
HIGH-SPEED AUTONOMOUS SUPPORT ARMOR "HAYAKAZE" LAUNCH PREPARATIONS COMPLETE!
ACTIVATING CATAPULT!
BFFT
GGINNK
FIRE IT!!
IN SYNC WITH SCOUT TEAM COURSE!
PING
PING
PING

KWEEM

SHINATOSE, YOU'RE TOO FAR INSIDE!

OH !!

GSHIM

YES, SIR!

GWOO

FLASH

ビリリリ

VREE

THAT'S RIGHT. EDGE IN SLOWLY.

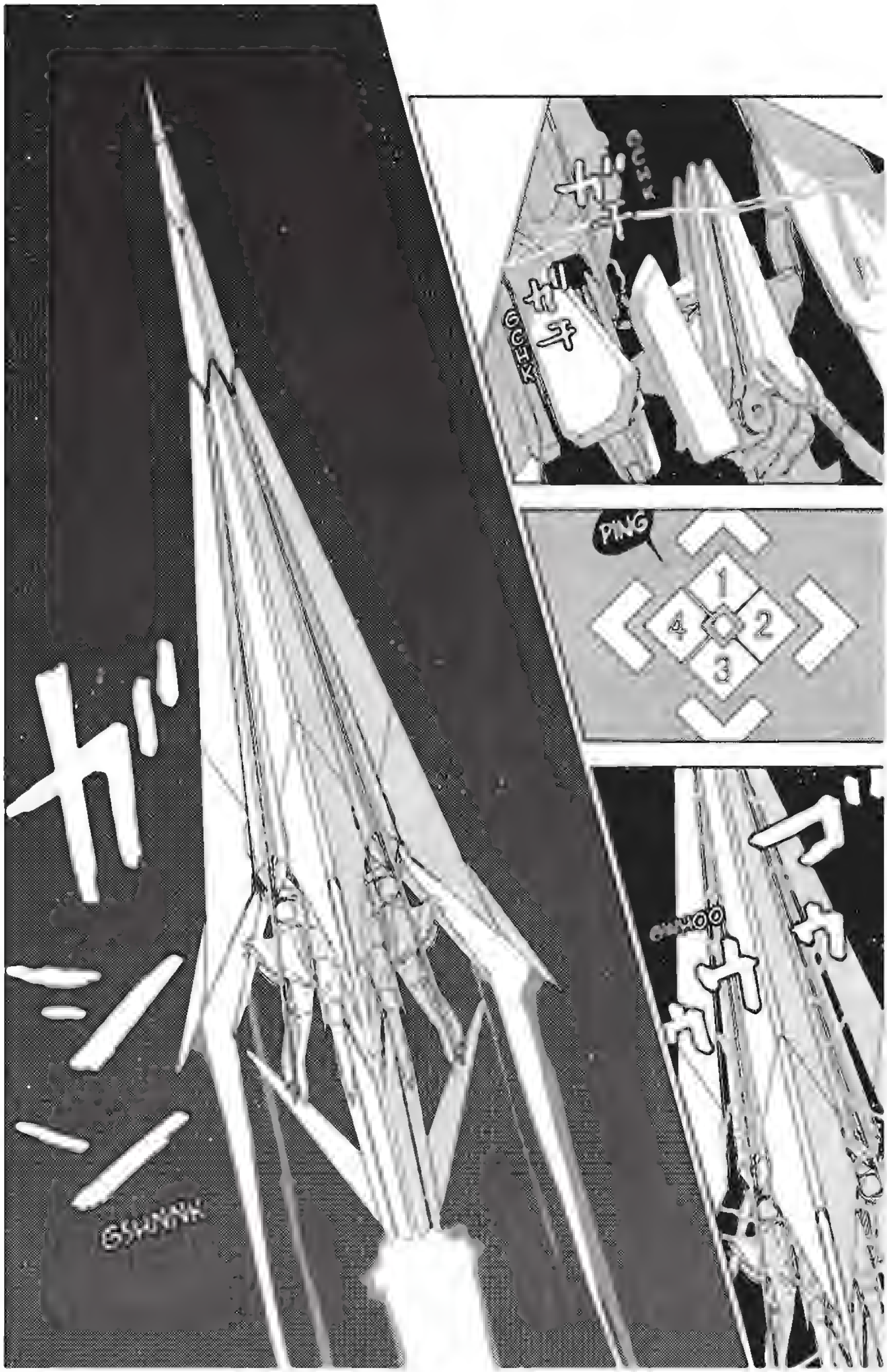
DEPLOY MAYA-KAZE ARMOR !!

LINKAGE OK

RELATIVE VELOCITY MINIMAL

HAHH

HAHH


CLICK
CLICK
PING
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2
3
4
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK

LINKAGE SUCCESS-FUL!!

COURSE SET FOR PLANET NINE— MAXIMUM OUTPUT!!

1 2 3 4

BFOOM

スタ THUD

スタ THUD

SQUAT

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME IN RESERVE?

CALM DOWN, TANIKAZE.

...

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO. GO FOR A WALK OR SOMETHING.

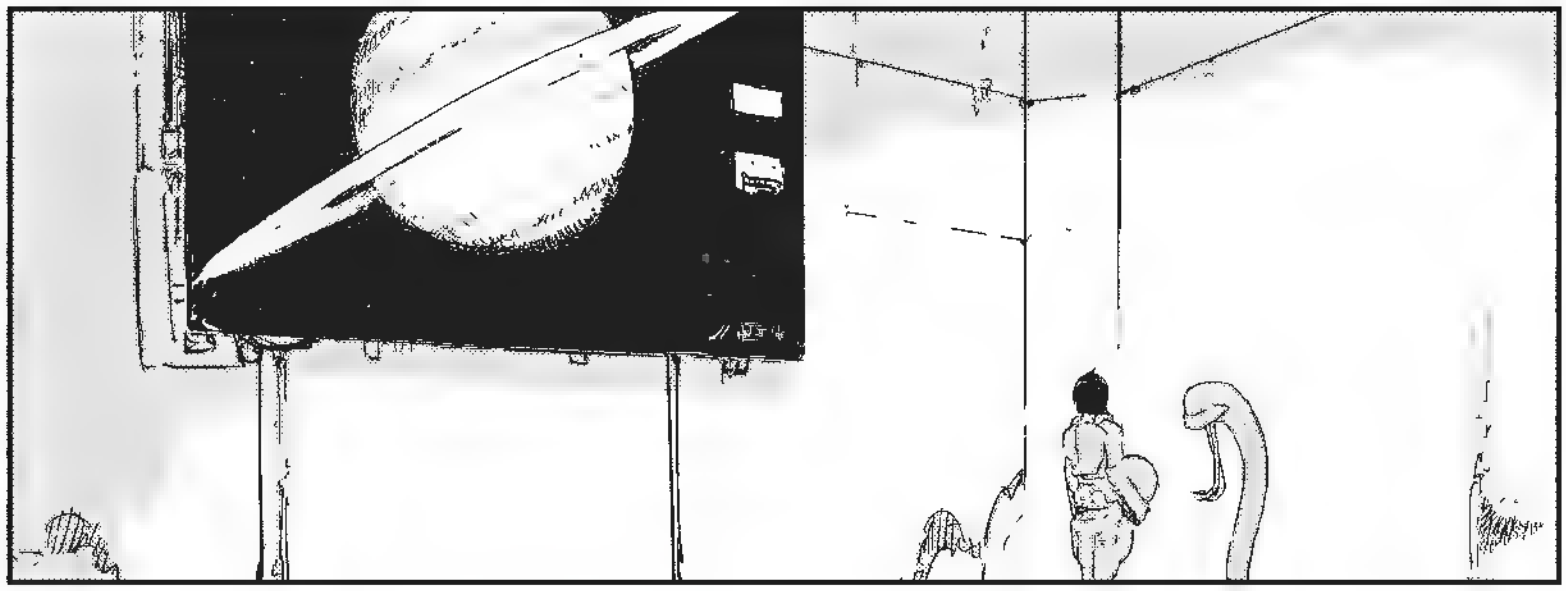
EVEN IF THERE ARE GAUNA LYING IN WAIT, WE'RE TOO FAR AWAY FROM THEM BACK HERE.

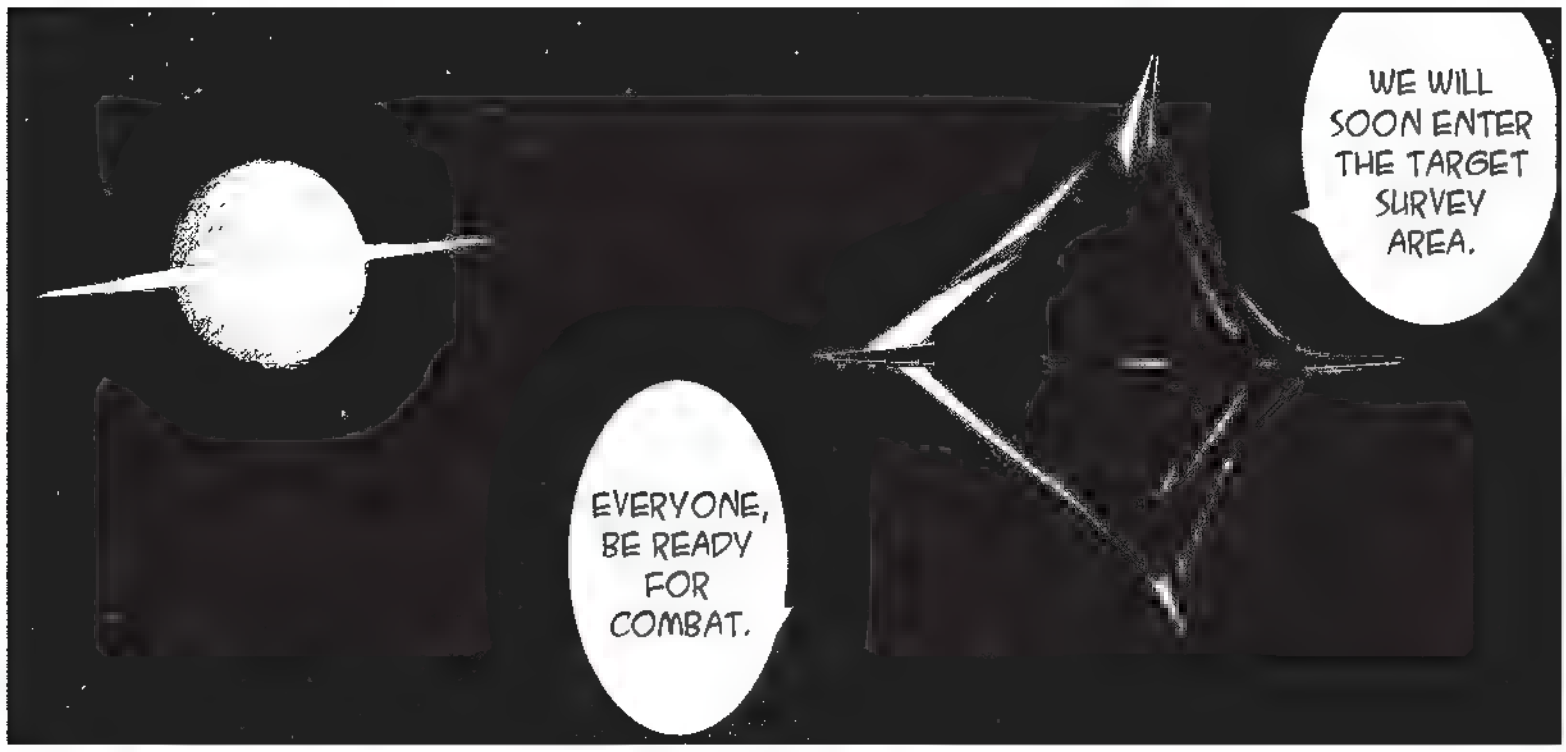
YES ...

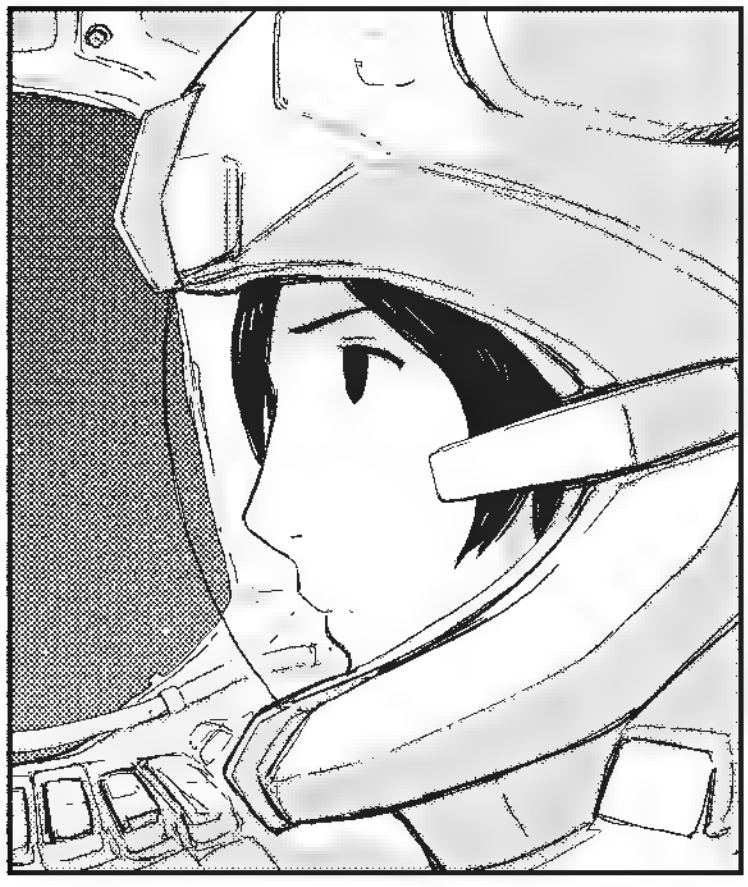
MR. TANIKAZE !

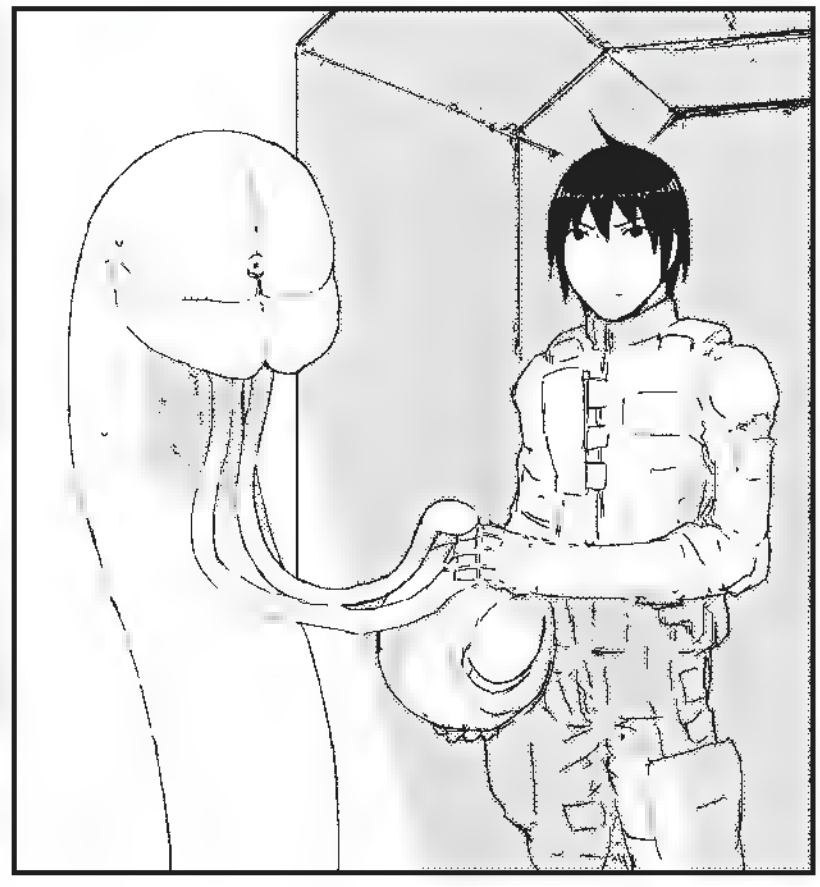
SO AM I. I WANTED TO GO OUT TOGETHER FOR HER.

I'M... SO VERY WORRIED ABOUT IZANA.




WE WILL SOON ENTER THE TARGET SURVEY AREA.
EVERYONE, BE READY FOR COMBAT.





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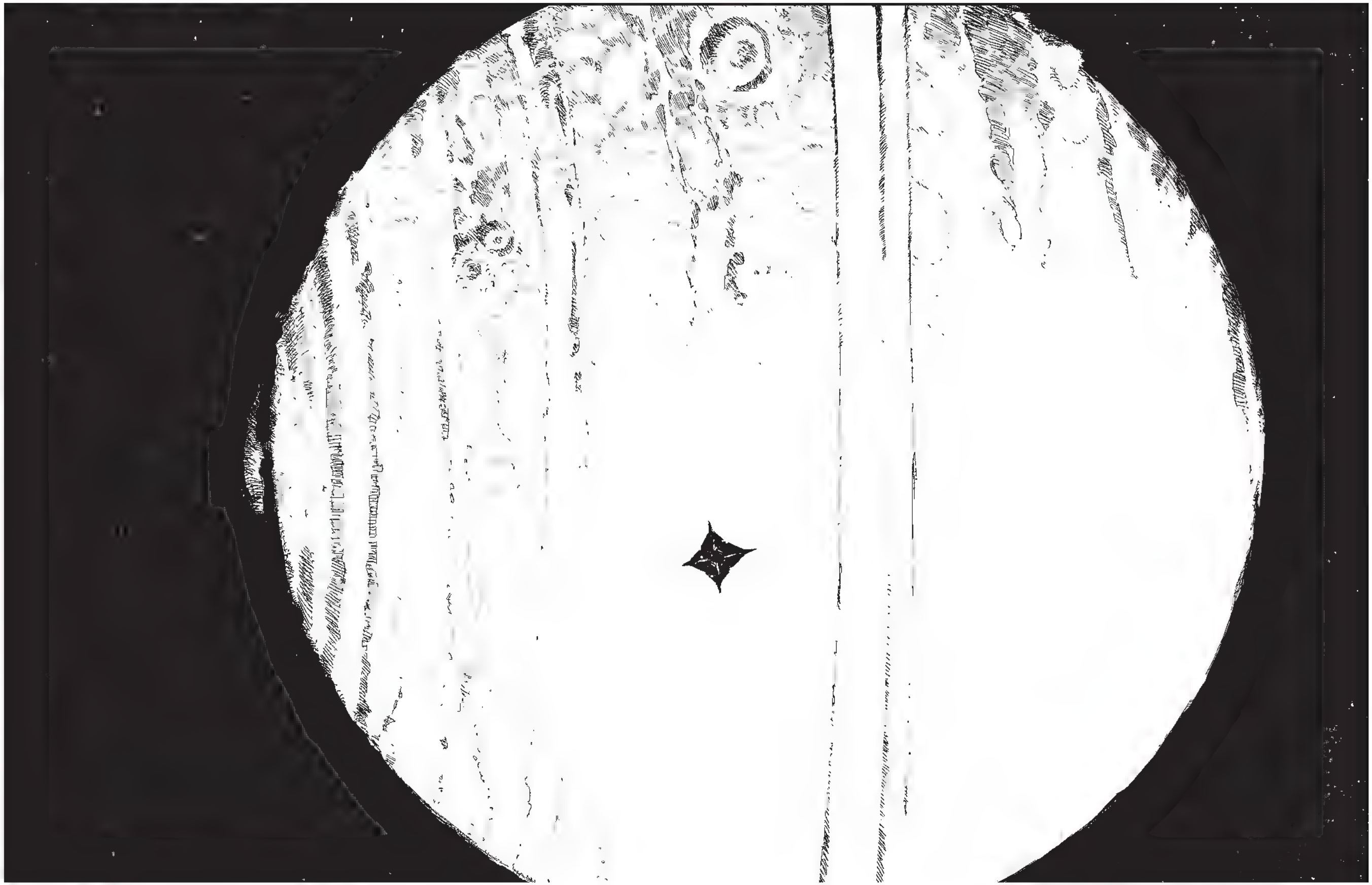

シドニアの騎士

KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA

Nagate New Residence,
initial concept

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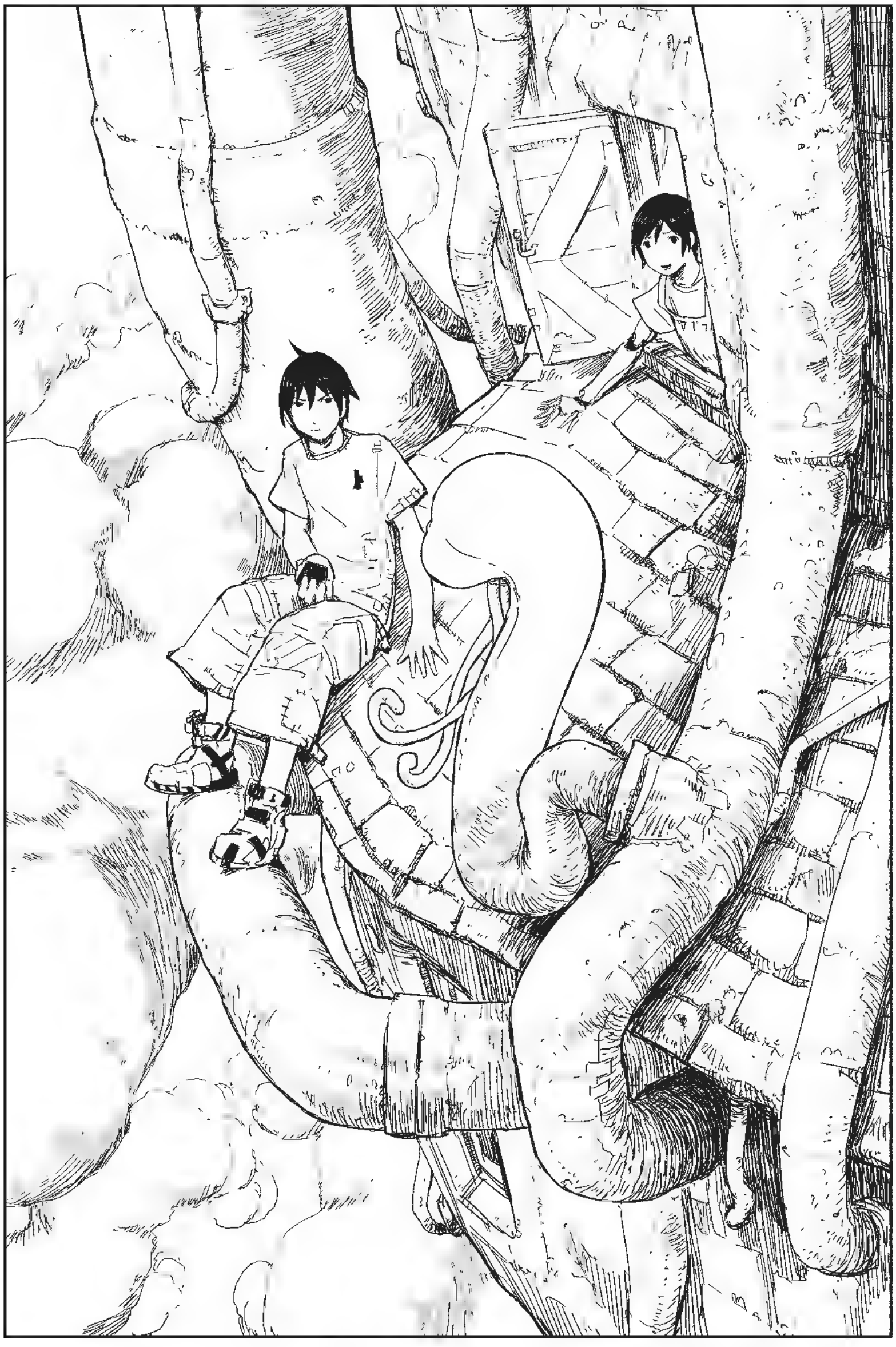

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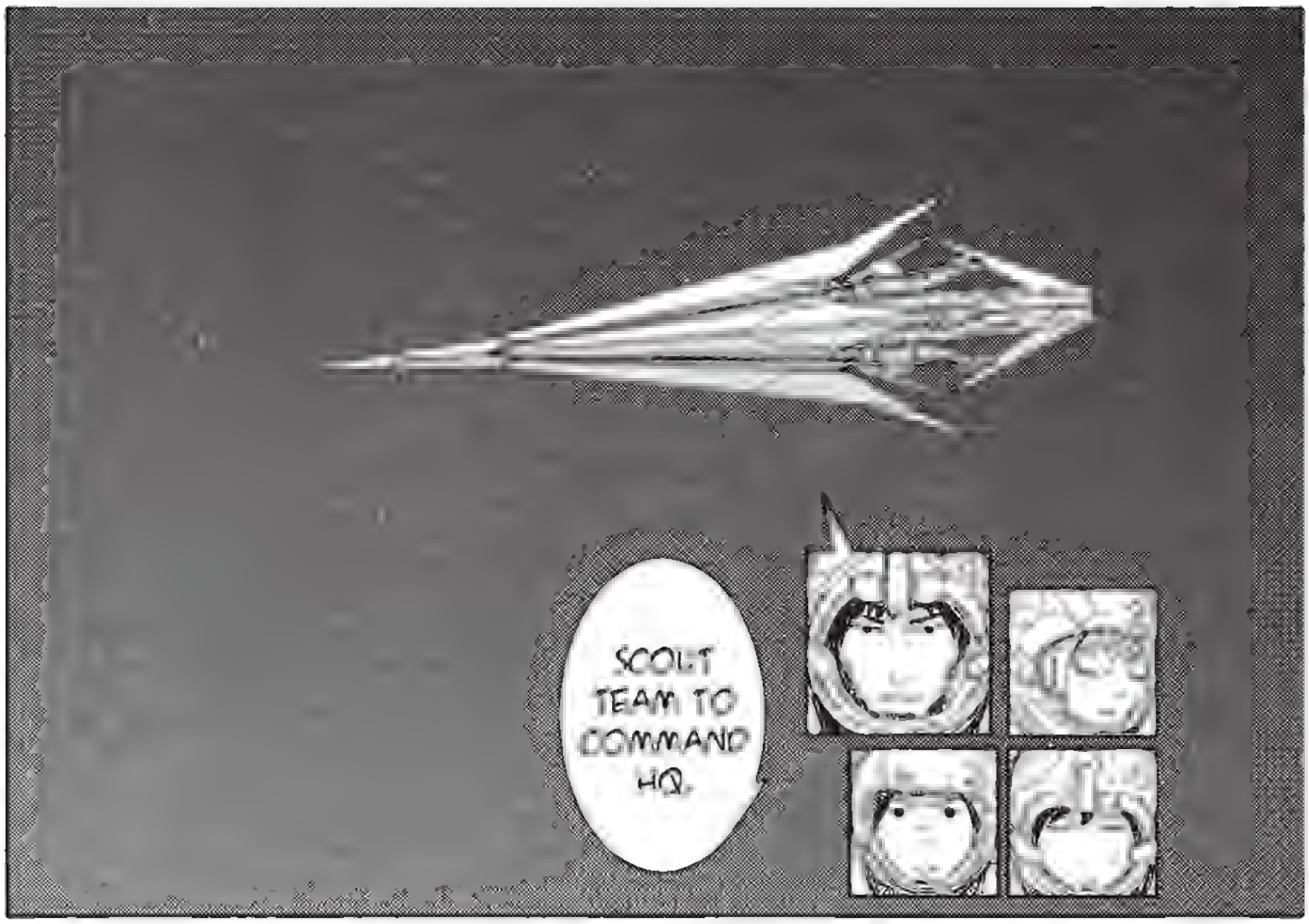
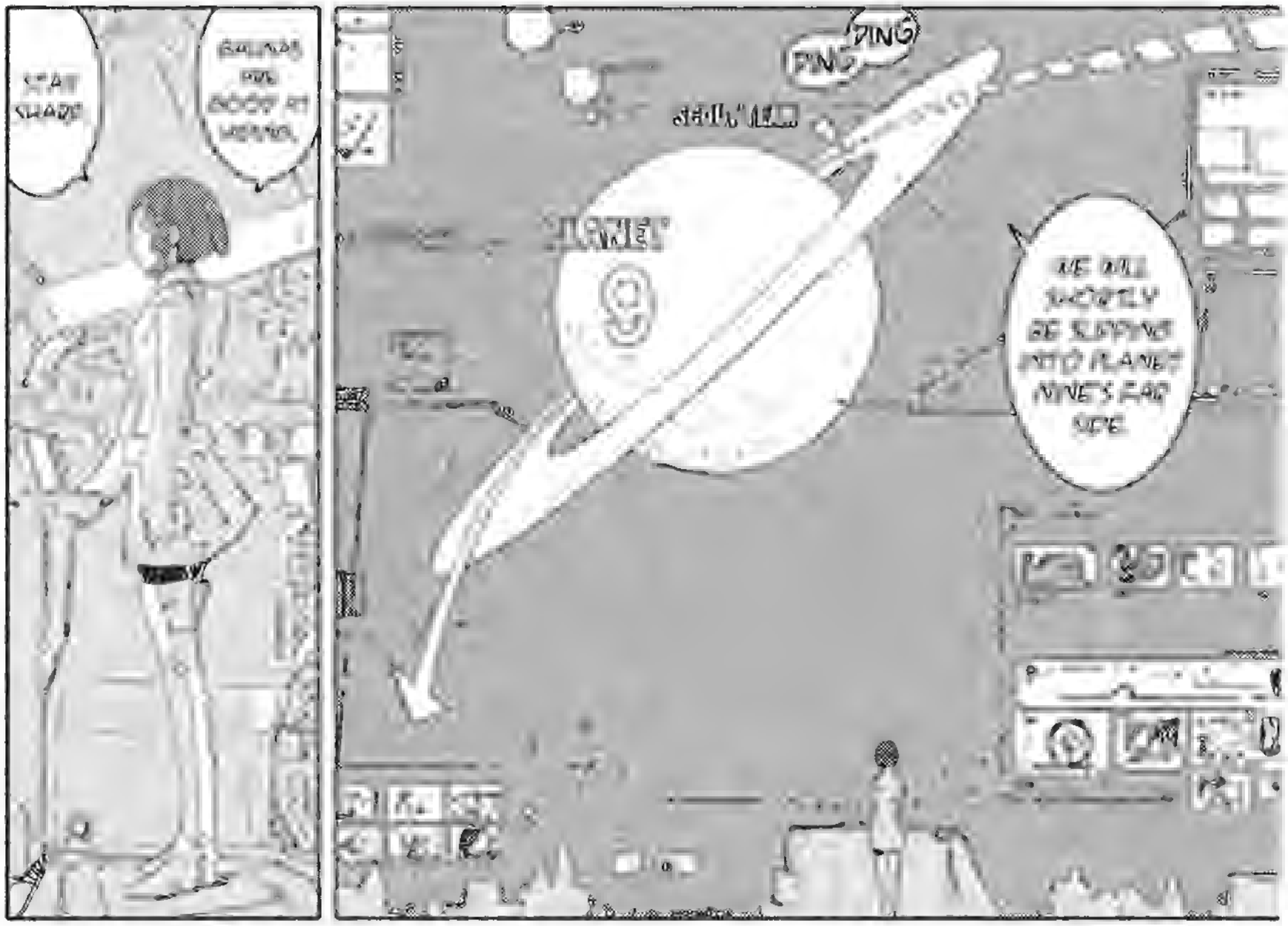
Perimeter Wall Residence Roof


SCOUT TEAM TO COMMAND HQ.


PING
PLANET
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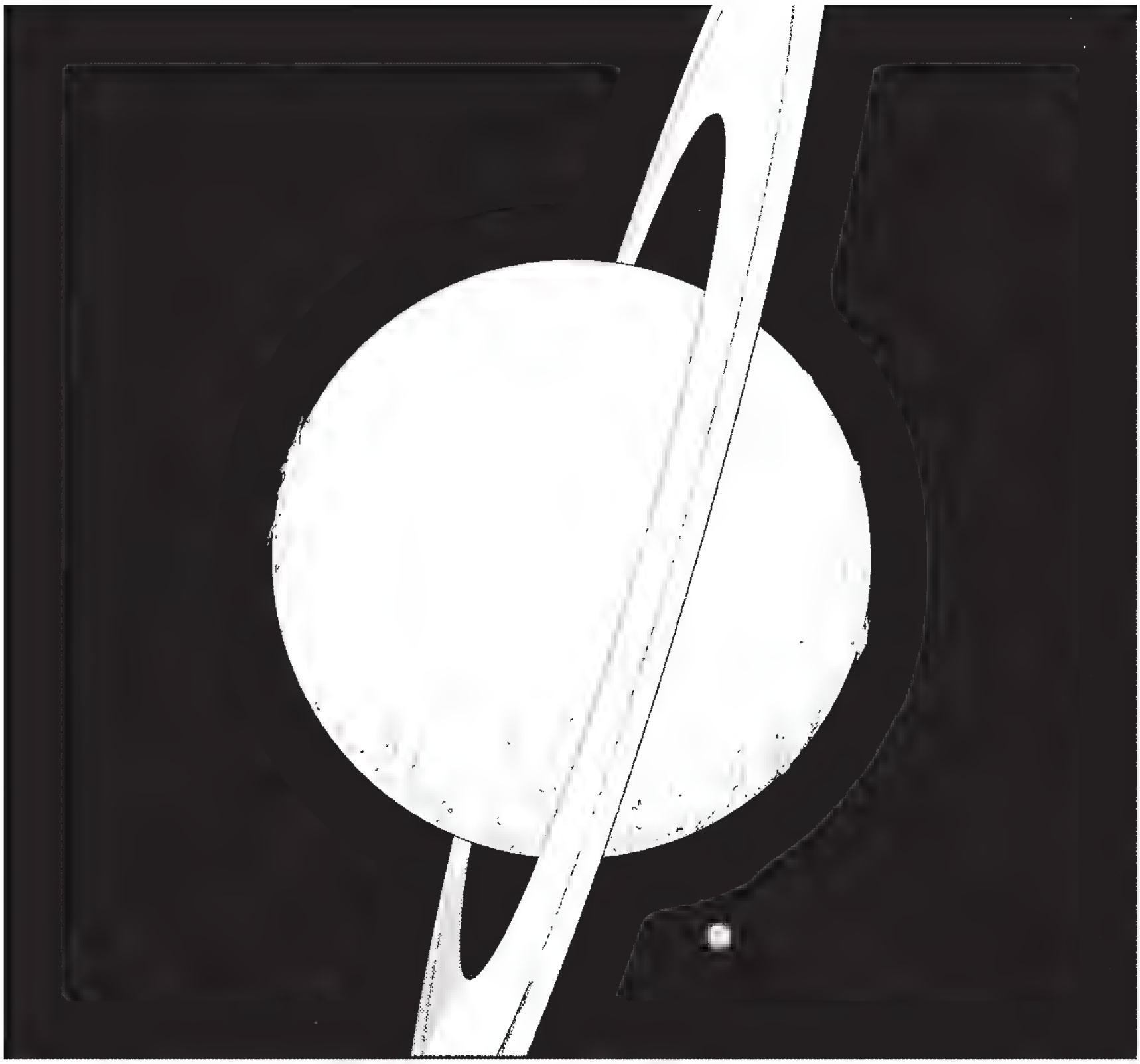
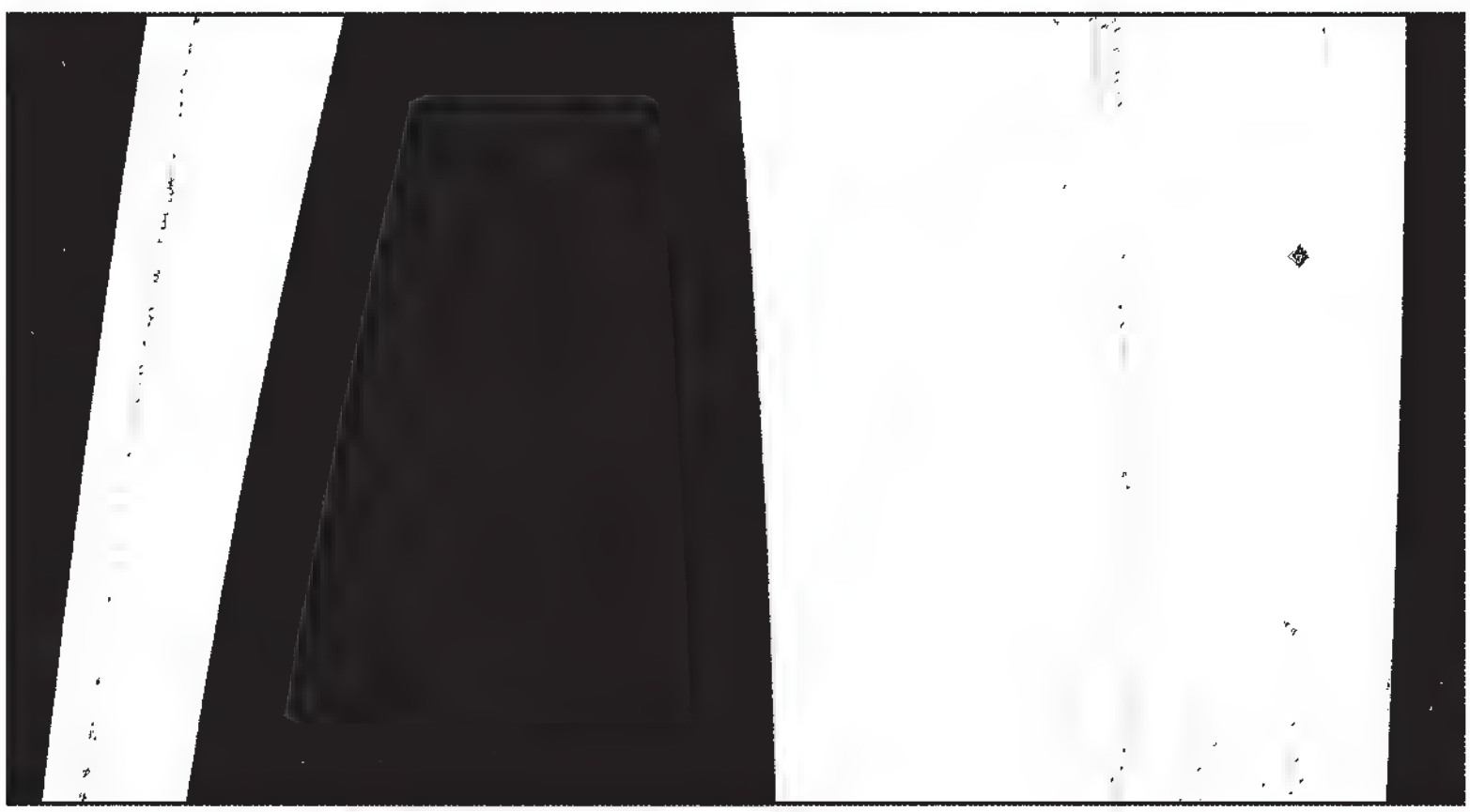
WE WILL SHORTLY BE SLIPPING INTO PLANET NINE'S FAR SIDE.





PASSING BY THE RING.

NO ODDITIES SO FAR.

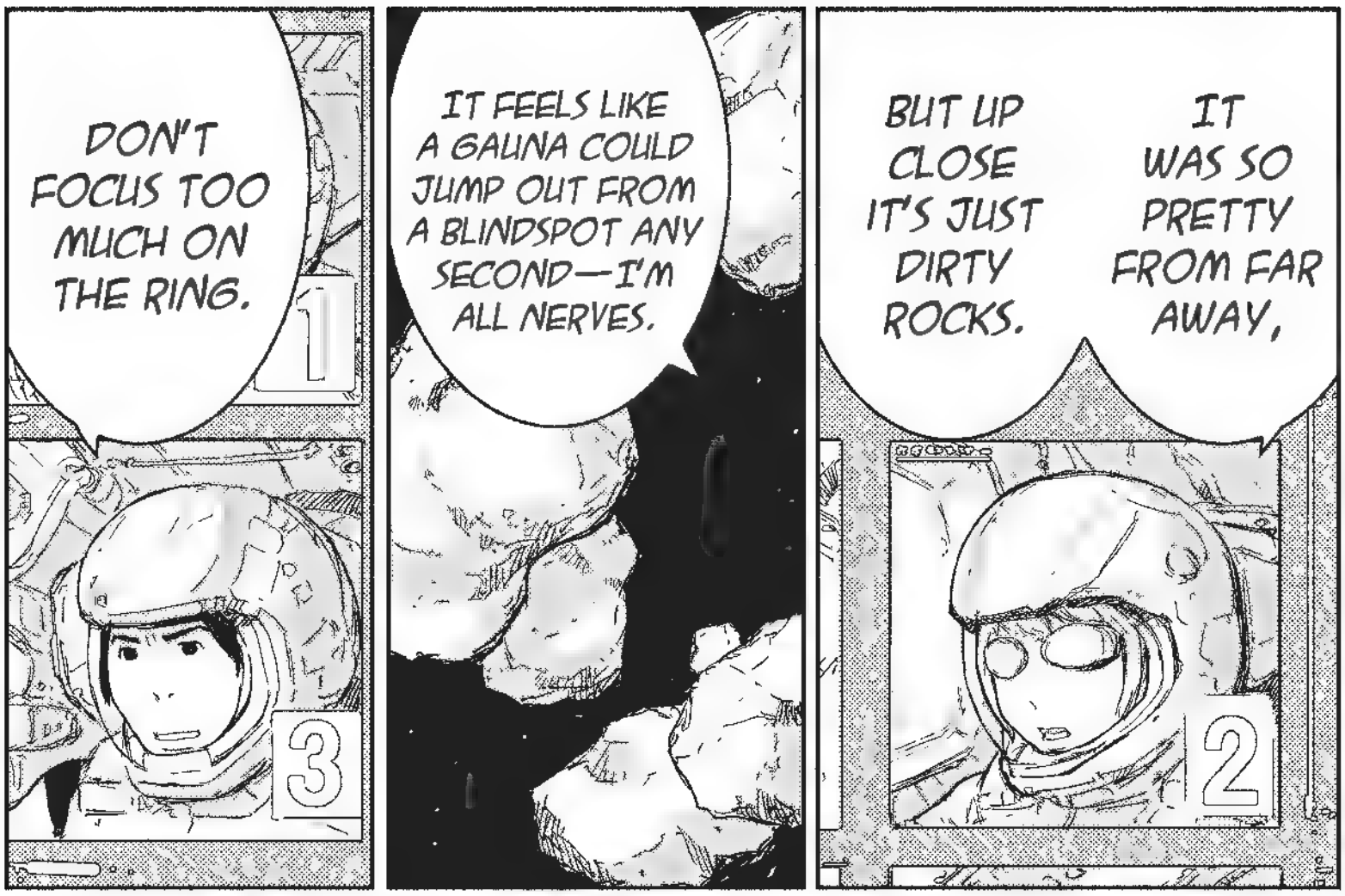
CONNECTION TO VISUAL FIELD: GOOD

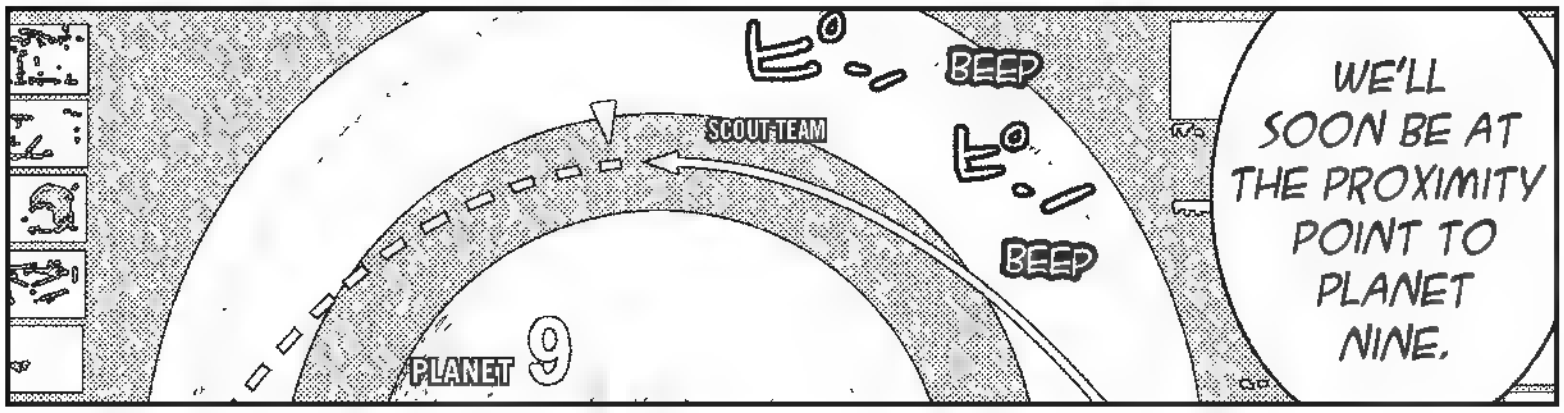
CLEAR
CLEAR
CLEAR
CLEAR
CLEAR
CLEAR

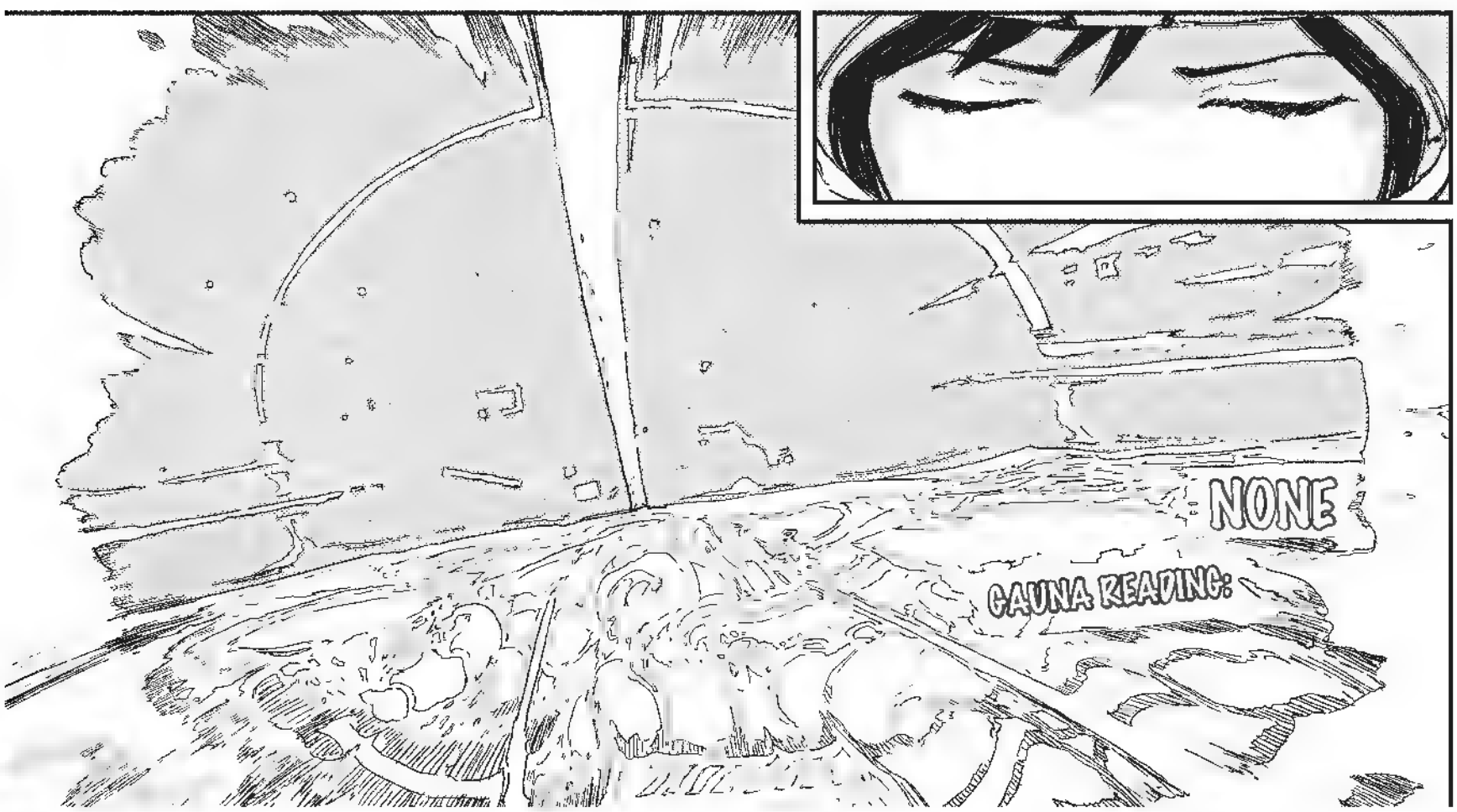
GAUNA READING: NONE

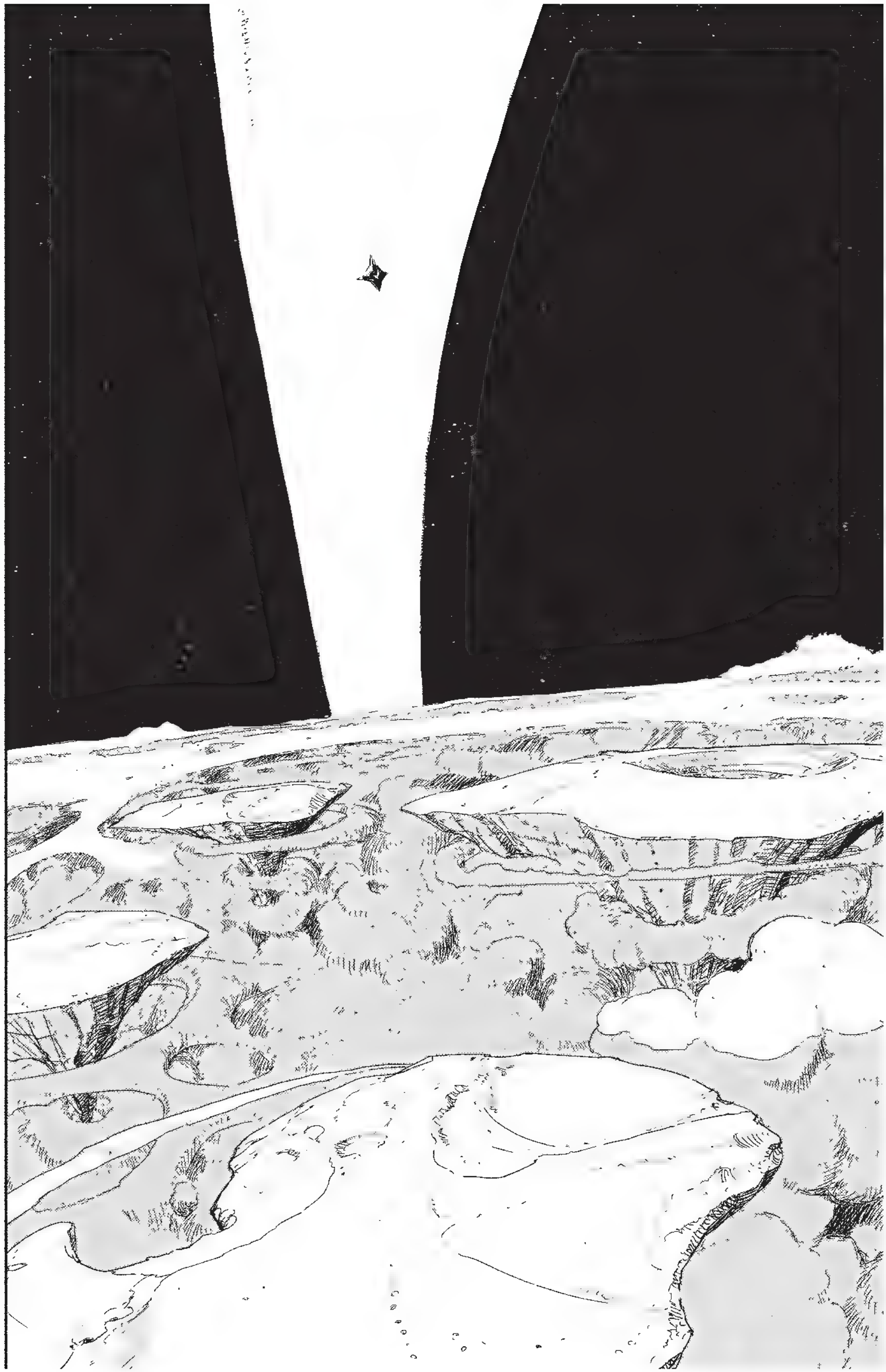
SHINATOSE, ARE YOU PICKING UP ANYTHING ON THE NEW RADAR?

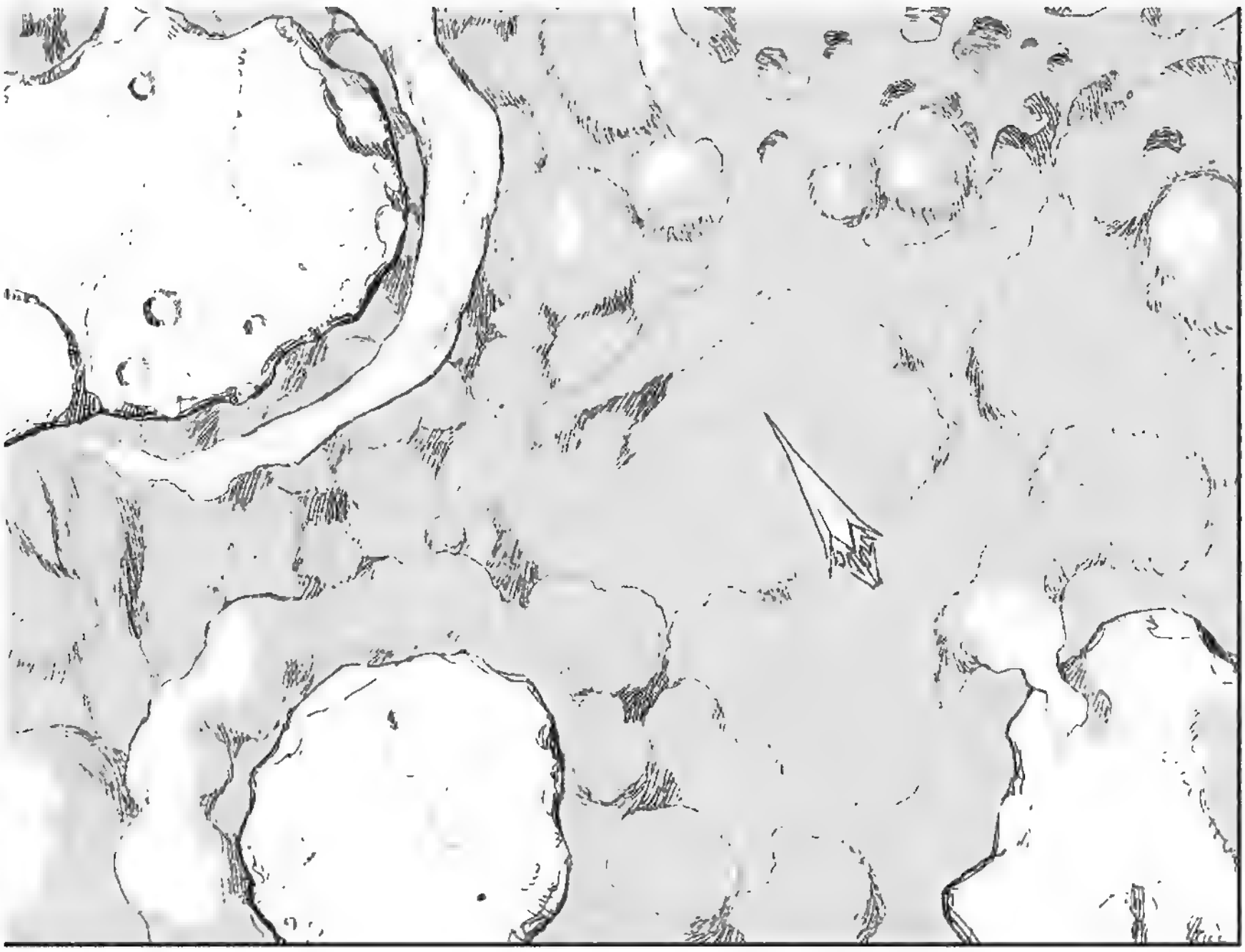
NO. NOTHING ON MY END EITHER.


DON'T FOCUS TOO MUCH ON THE RING.
1
IT FEELS LIKE A GAUNA COULD JUMP OUT FROM A BLINDSPOT ANY SECOND—I'M ALL NERVES.
BUT UP CLOSE IT'S JUST DIRTY ROCKS.
IT WAS SO PRETTY FROM FAR AWAY,
2
3


BEEP
BEEP
SCOUT TEAM
PLANET 9
WE'LL SOON BE AT THE PROXIMITY POINT TO PLANET NINE.


NONE
GAUNA READING:





PLING

WAS THAT A GALNA ?!

AH !!

M-MY SIGHT !

GZZT

Y-YES.

CONNECTING VISUAL FIELD

DON'T RUSH IT!

SLOWLY RETURN YOUR FOCUS TO THE RADAR.

IZANA !

SHINATOSE, WHAT'S WRONG?! WHAT DID YOU SEE?

TOTAL NUMBER UNCLEAR!

COUNTLESS GAUNA READINGS DETECTED IN PLANET NINE'S ATMOSPHERE AT ONE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK!

RING

COURSE

ATMOSPHERE

GAUNA READING: PRESENT

GAUNA DETECTED

SHINATOSE RADAR PLAY

WOOOO

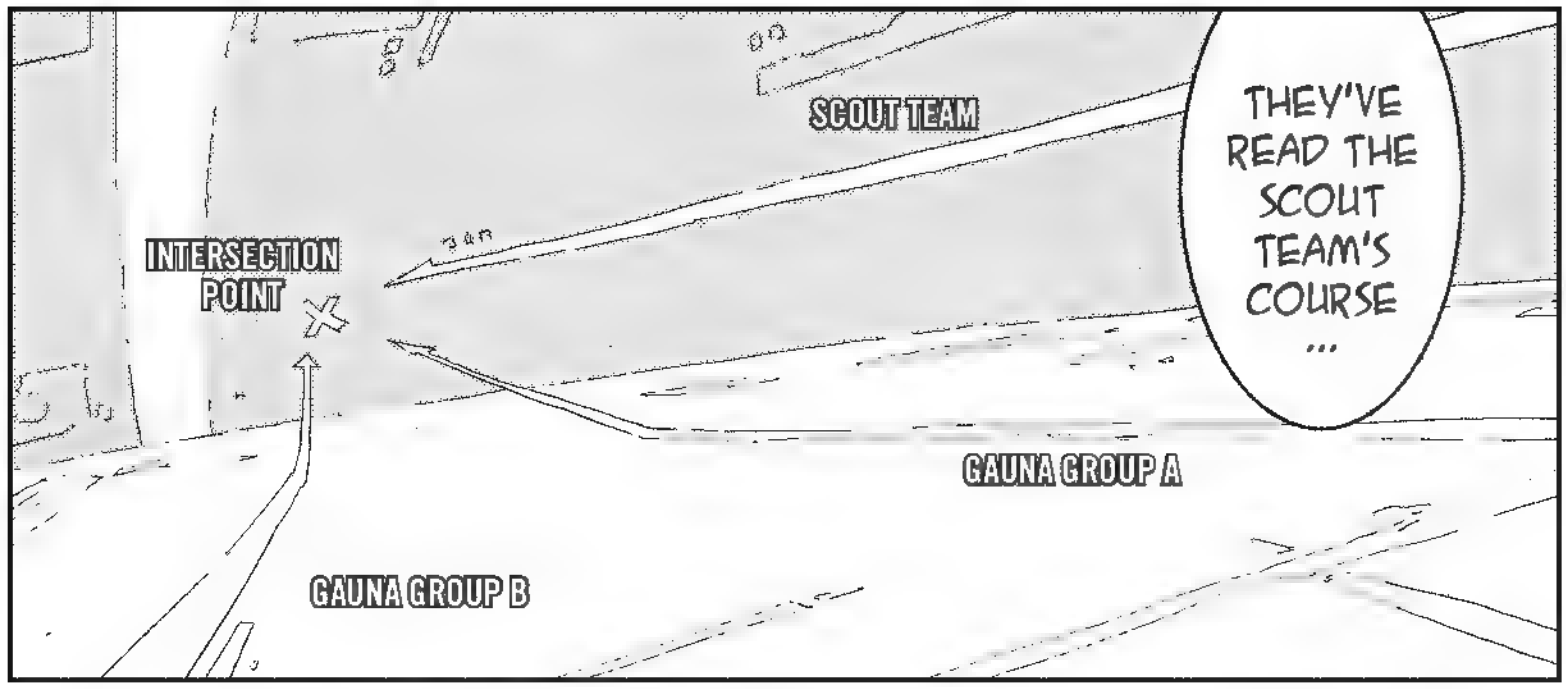
WOOO

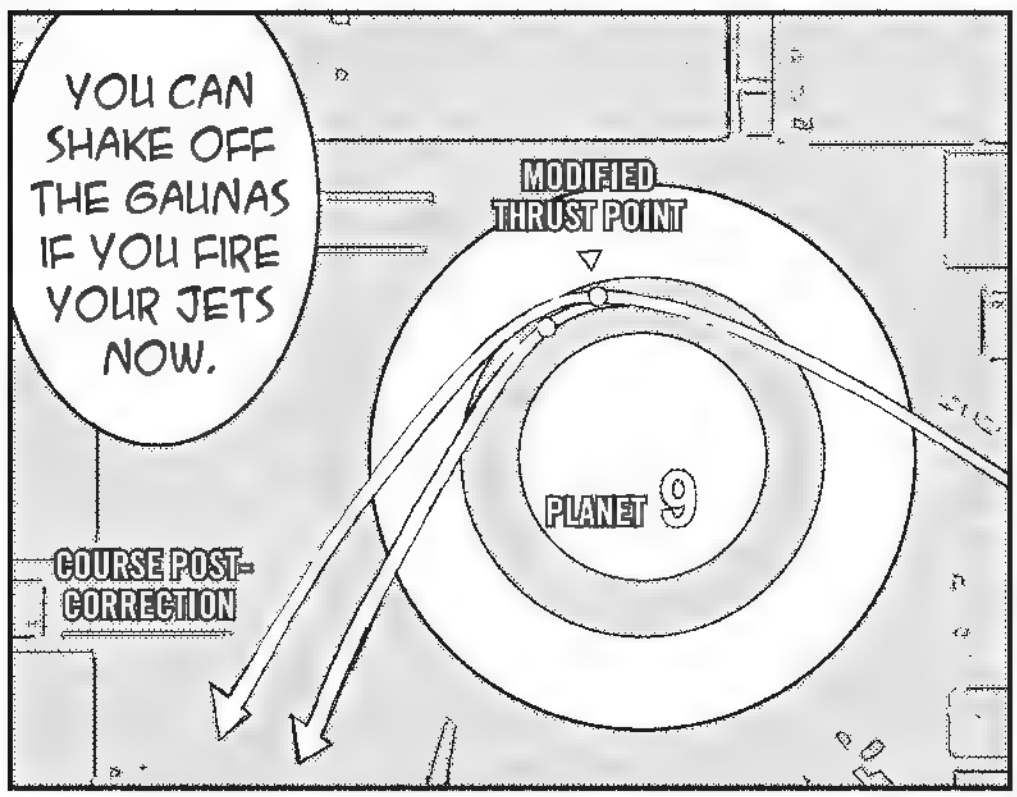
SO THEY'VE COME OUT...

WOOOO

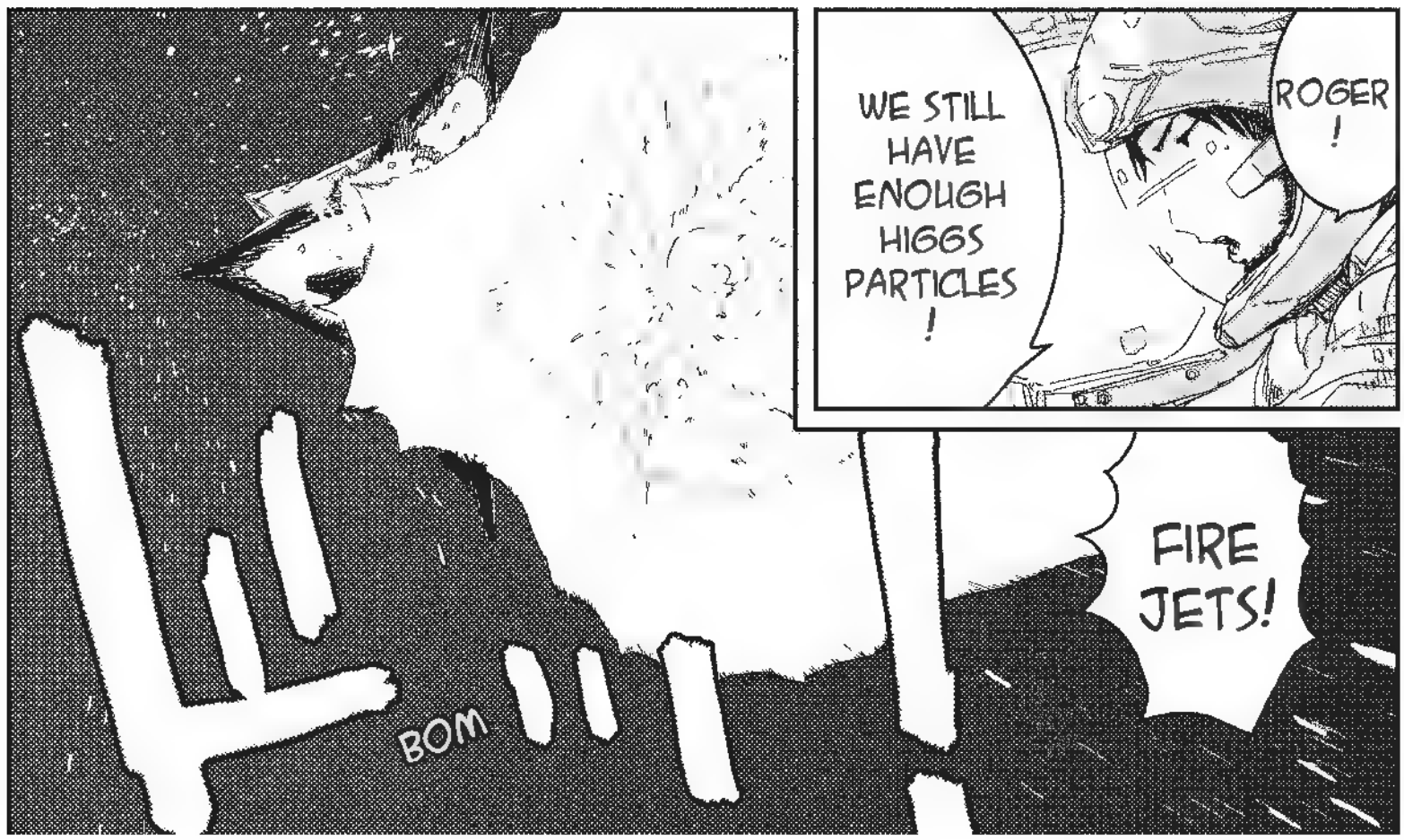
!!

WOO


SCOUT TEAM
INTERSECTION POINT
THEY'VE READ THE SCOUT TEAM'S COURSE ...
GAUNA GROUP A
GAUNA GROUP B


YOU CAN SHAKE OFF THE GAUNAS IF YOU FIRE YOUR JETS NOW.
MODIFIED THRUST POINT
PLANET 9
COURSE POST-CORRECTION

BUT THEY'VE MISJUDGED OUR SPEED.
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE PLANNING A PINCER ATTACK ...
PIP
POP


WE STILL HAVE ENOUGH HIGGS PARTICLES !
ROGER !
FIRE JETS!
BOM

THE GALINAS HAVE ALSO SPED UP!

S

B

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OOOOESO

PING

PING

SCOUT TEAM

B

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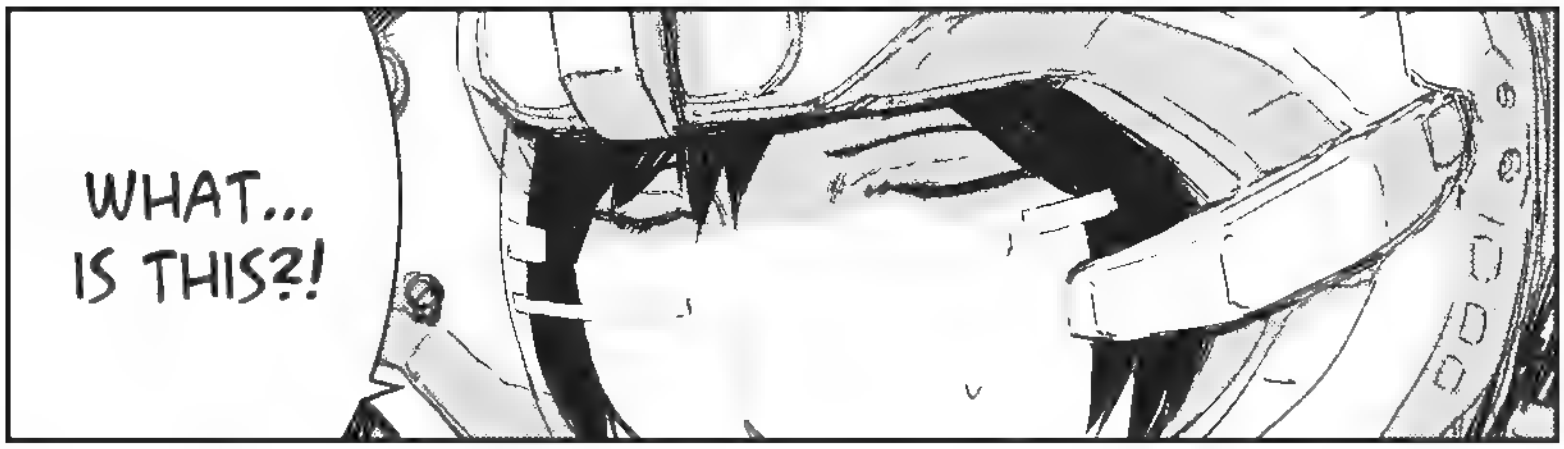
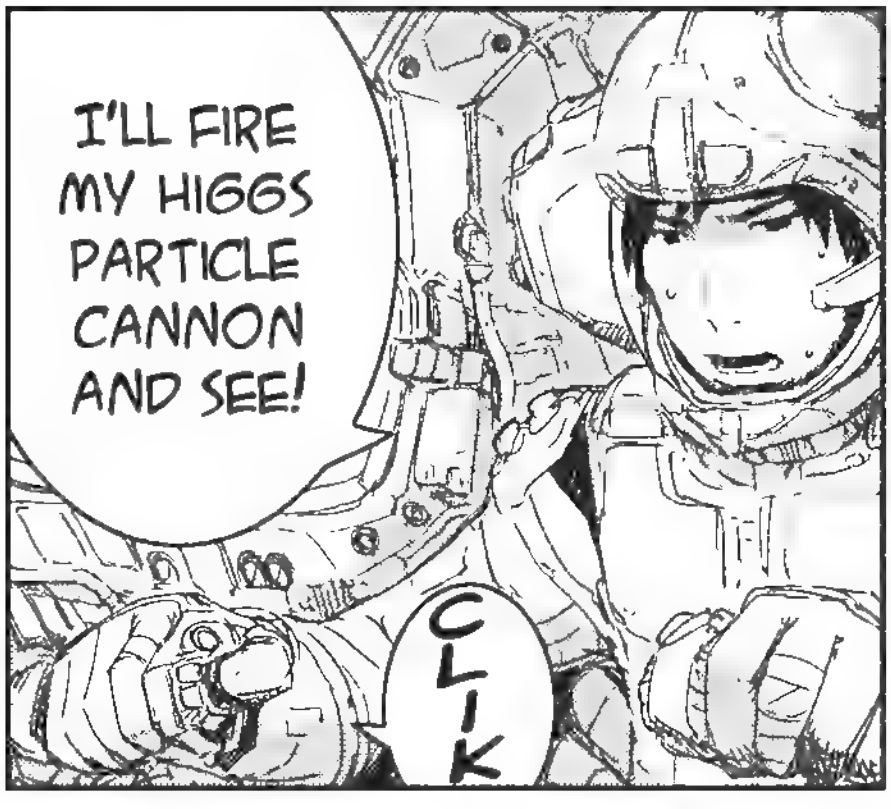
KWEEEE

WE'RE GOOD. WE'LL JUST MAKE IT.

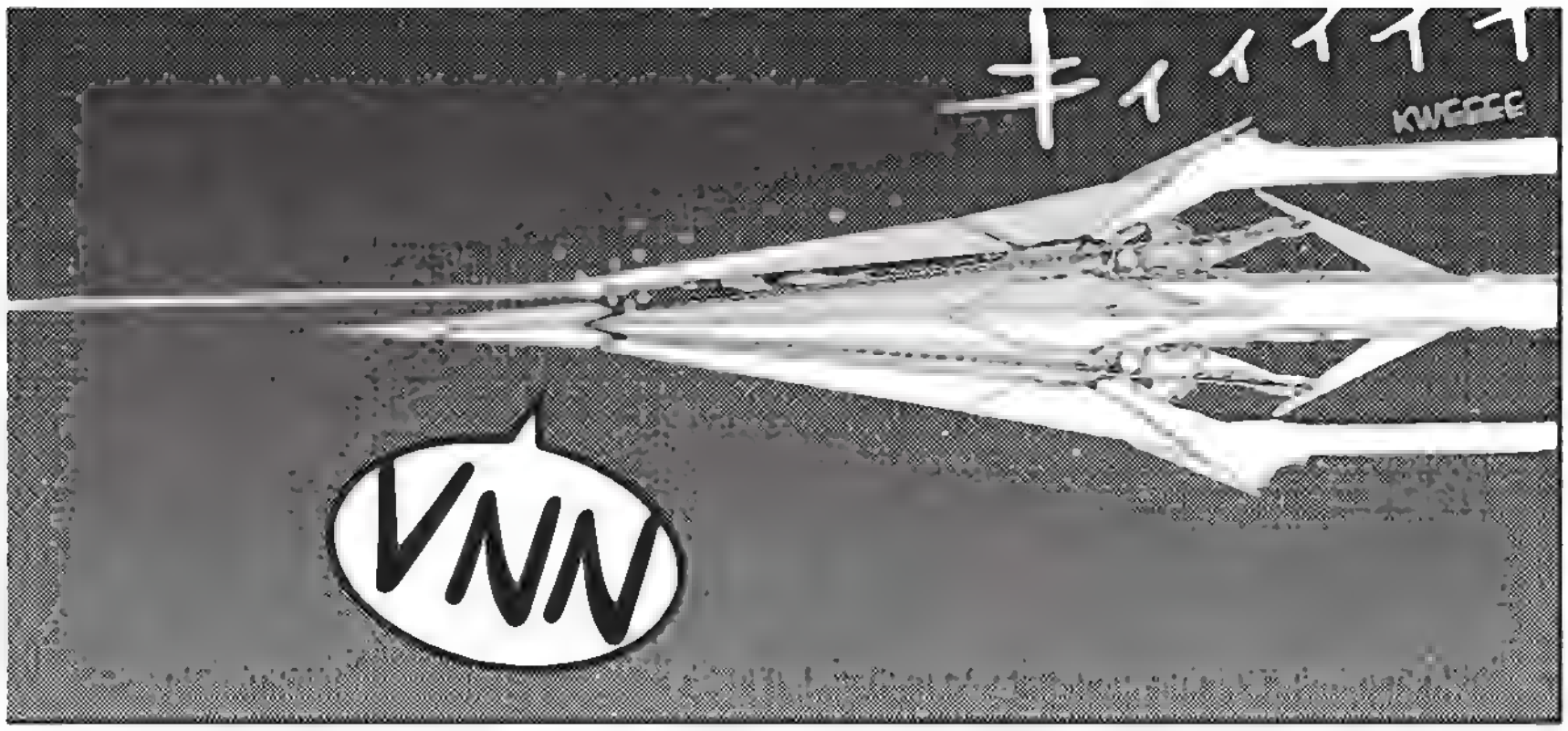
AT THIS SPEED THE HAYAKAZE CAN EASILY PIERCE THROUGH A FEW GALINAS.

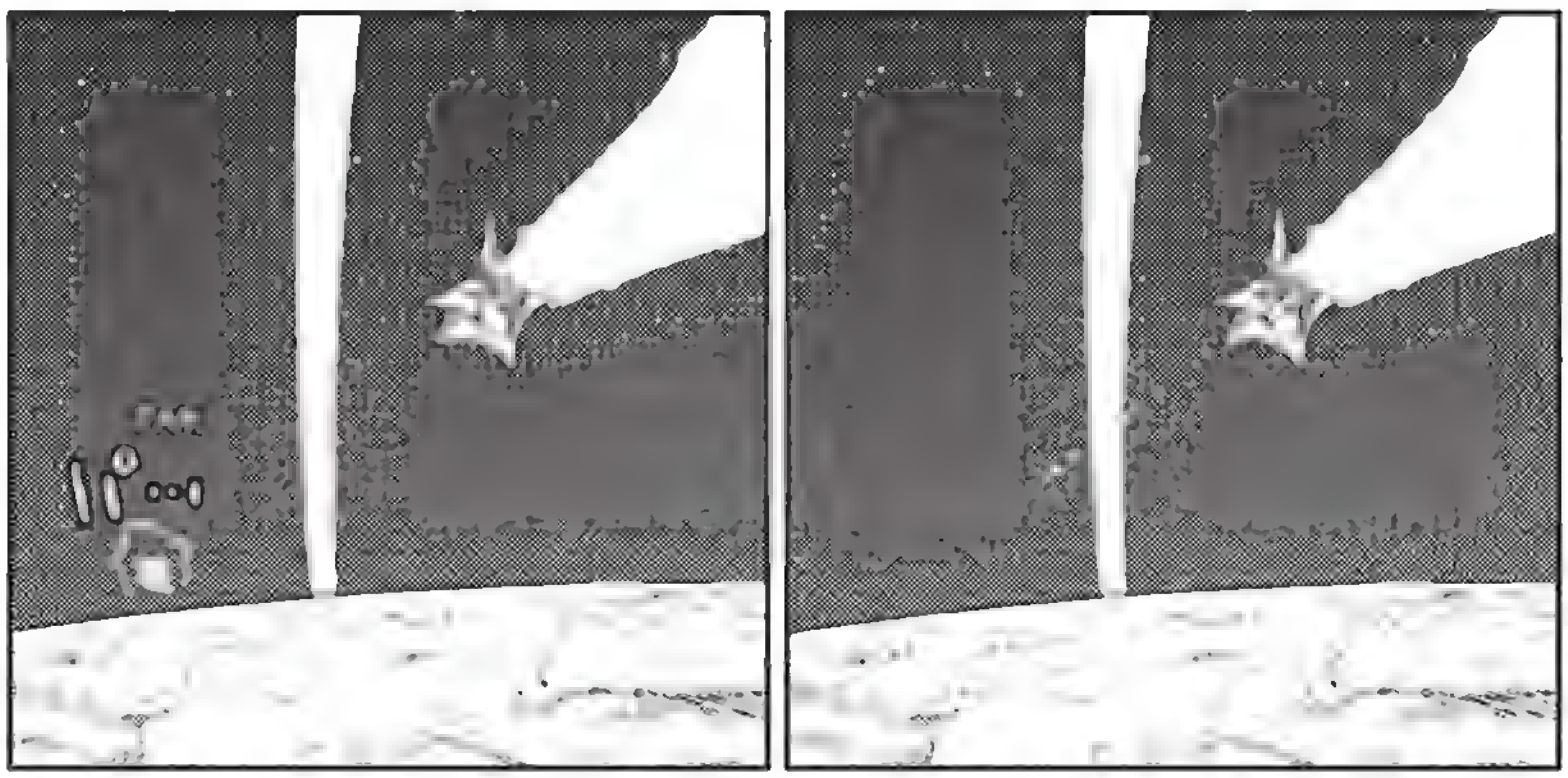

WHAT...
IS THIS?!

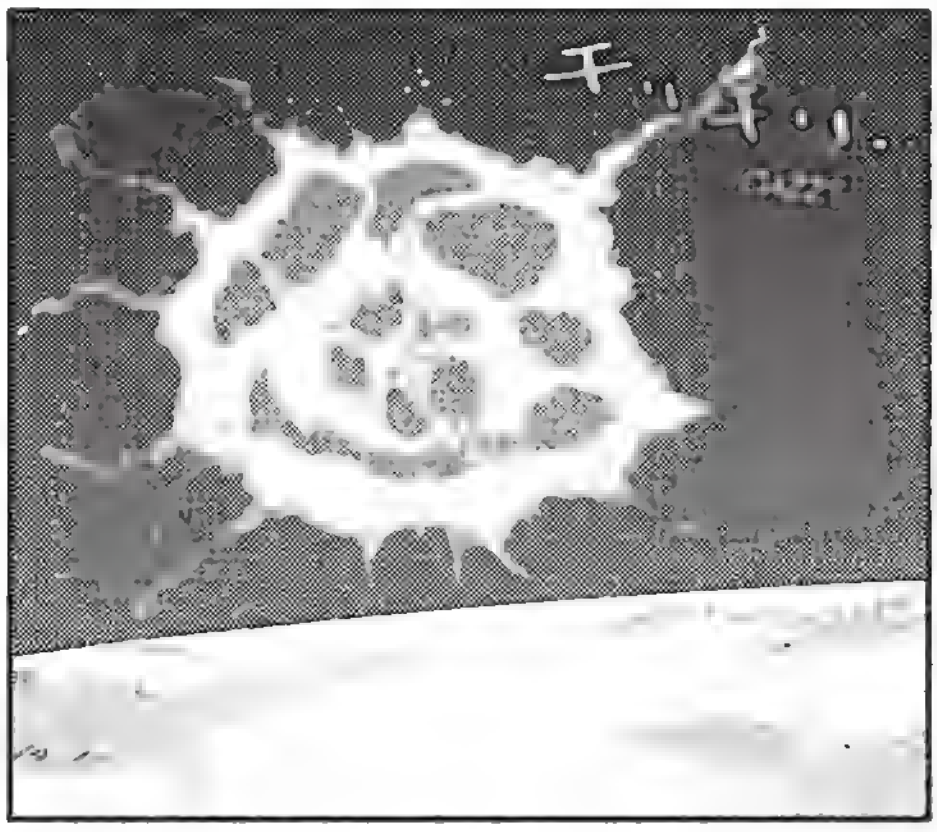
IN OUR PATH UP AHEAD... LIKE A HAZE...


I'LL FIRE MY HIGGS PARTICLE CANNON AND SEE!
CLIK

A HAZE? I DON'T SEE ANYTHING.


KWEEEE
VNN





THERE'S SOME-THING THERE !!
A HIT ?!

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CHZZ
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EEEEN
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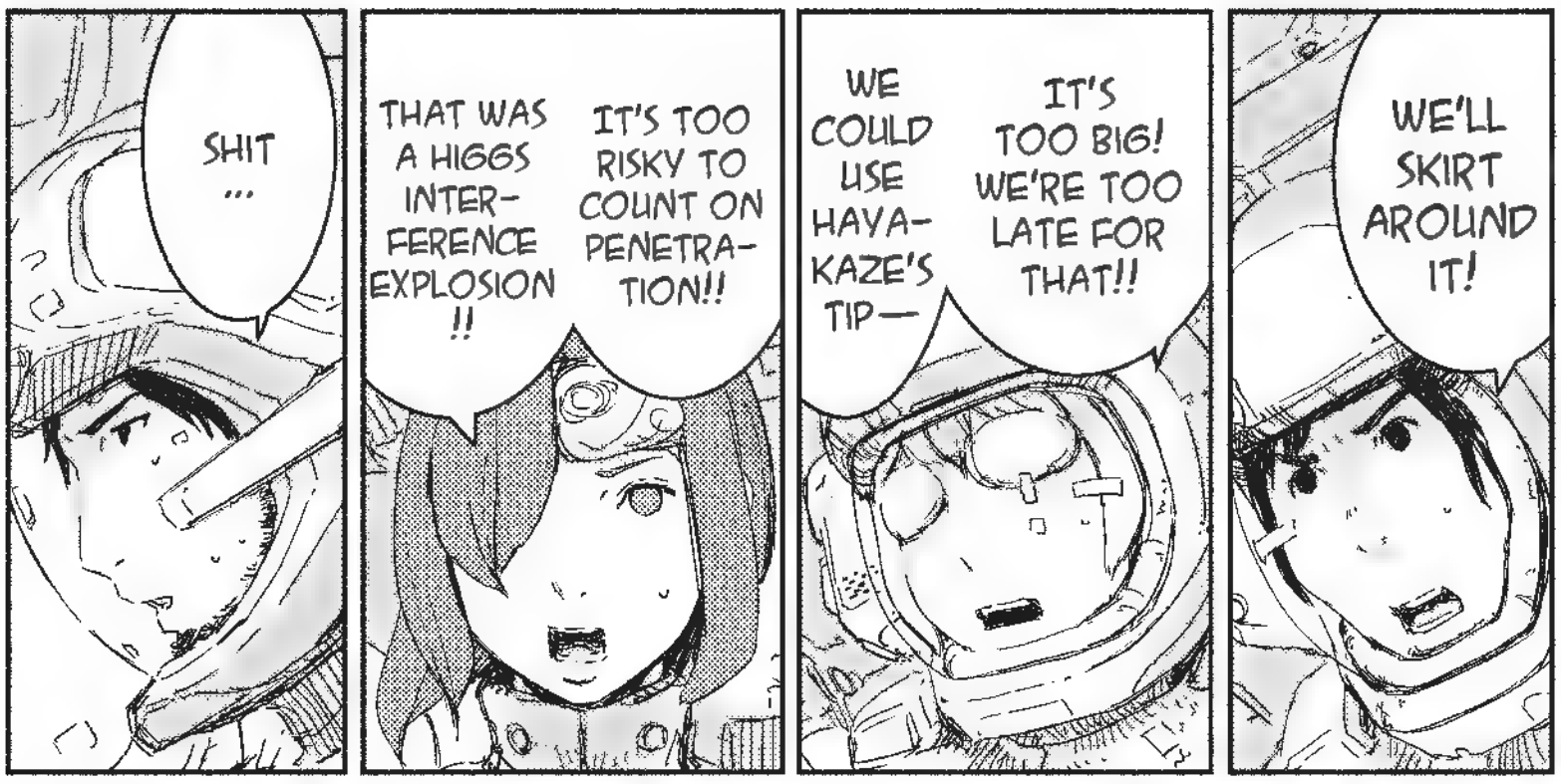
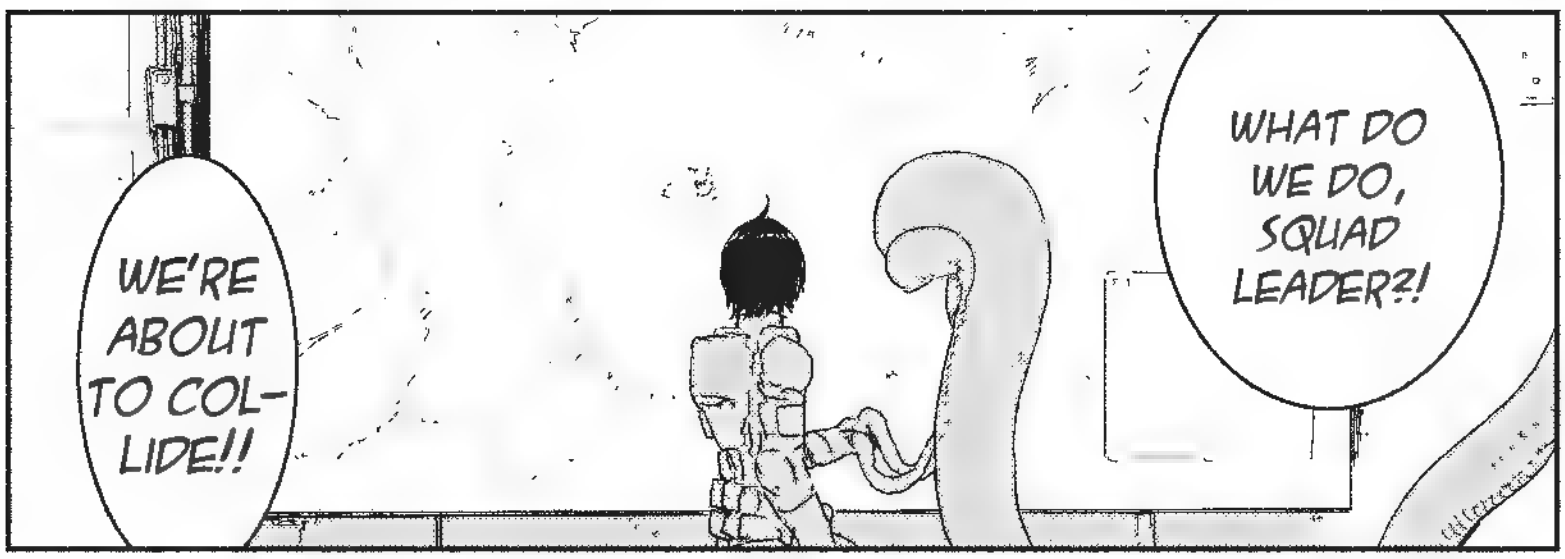
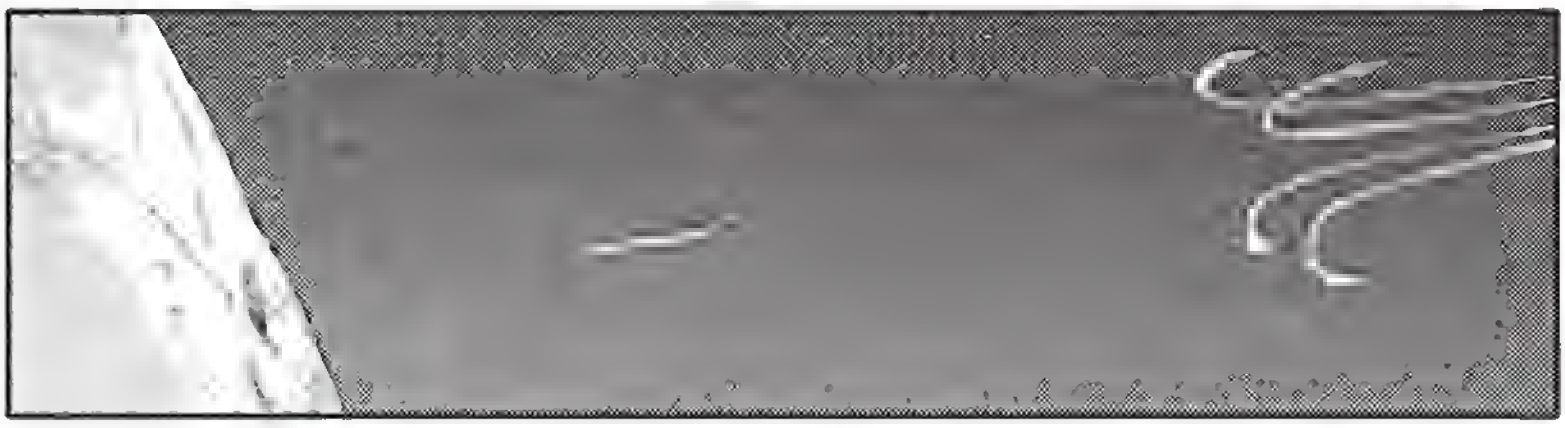
CHZZ
VISUALLY CLOAKED PLACEN-TA!!
WHAT IS THIS ?!
HALT JETS !!!
GWUM


SHIT ...
THAT WAS A HIGGS INTER-FERENCE EXPLOSION !!
IT'S TOO RISKY TO COUNT ON PENETRA-TION!!
WE COULD USE HAVA-KAZE'S TIP—
IT'S TOO BIG! WE'RE TOO LATE FOR THAT!!
WE'LL SKIRT AROUND IT!


WE'RE ABOUT TO COL-LIDE!!
WHAT DO WE DO, SQUAD LEADER?!

DISEN-
GAGE
!!



THAT REALLY IS NO ORDINARY PLACENTA.
THE TIP FAILED TO PENETRATE AND BROKE

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UMEEOO
NUCKI
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ドドドド
DOODOO

DFWUM

DFWOO

NRG

MAXIMUM OUTPUT
APPROACH OBSTRUCT
COLLISION DANGER
BEEP BEEP

BSHH

GWOOO

GAH, THAT WAS TOO CLOSE!

THOOM

ドドドドド…

BWOOM

ドドドドド

BOOOO

VIKES, THIS MEMBRANE JUST KEEPS GETTING BIGGER AND...

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GOOOO

UNITS 3 AND 4— YOU ALL RIGHT?!

GENDO

UNIT 2, MASSIVE DAMAGE!

SOME-HOW.

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YES!

KWEEE

BOM

BOM

BOM

BOM

BOM

BUT... SERIES 18S AREN'T FAST ENOUGH TO RESCUE THEM IN TIME!

SO THESE ARE JUST ORDINARY GAUNAS.

SEND OUT A SERIES 18 PARTY TO ELIMINATE THEM.

GAUNAS EMERGING!

THEY'RE GIVING CHASE.

I ORDERED NO RESCUE, MERELY THE ELIMINATION OF GAUNA.

SHE HAS NO OTHER CHOICE.

...

SO WE'LL JUST WATCH THE SCOUT TEAM DIE...

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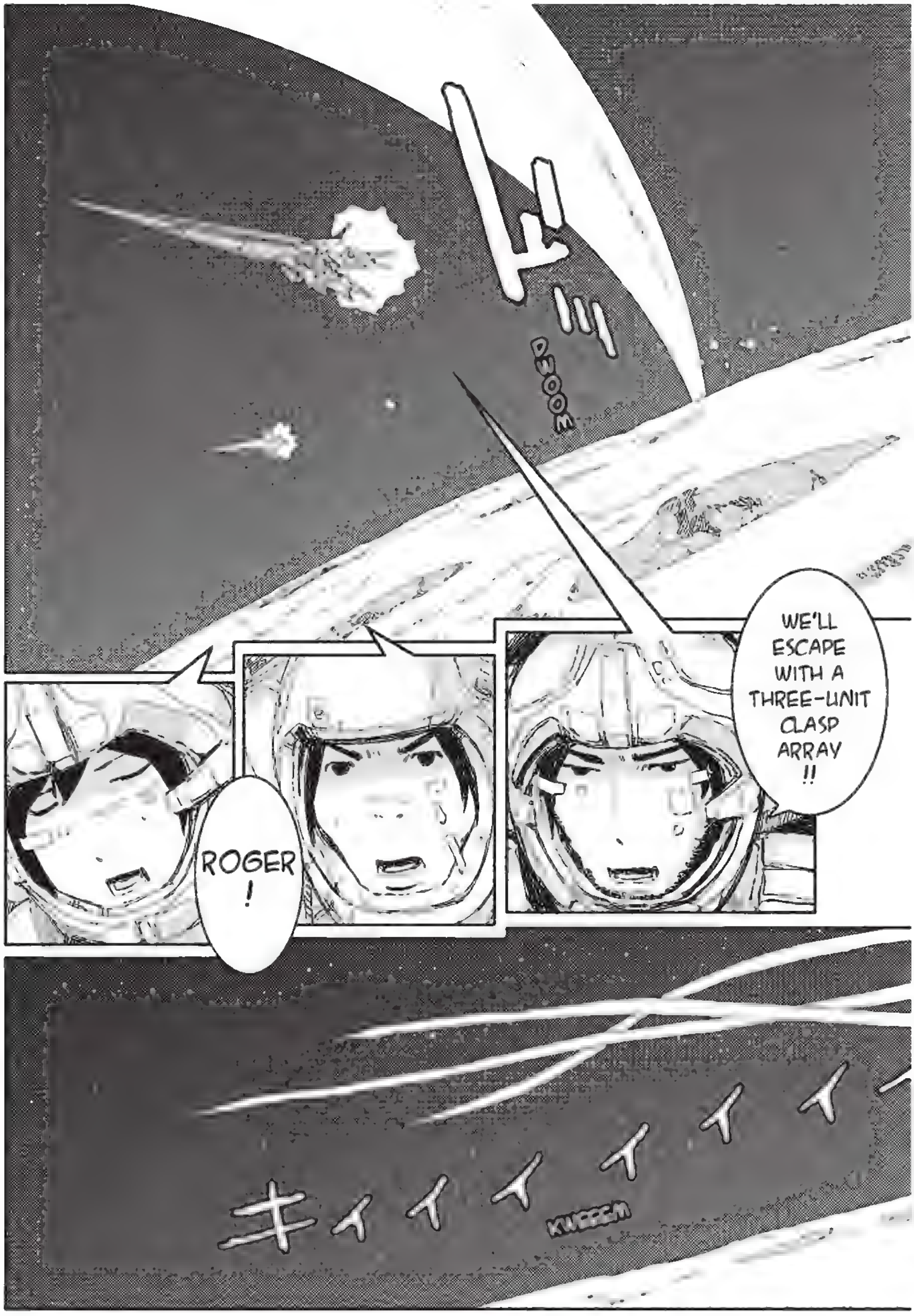
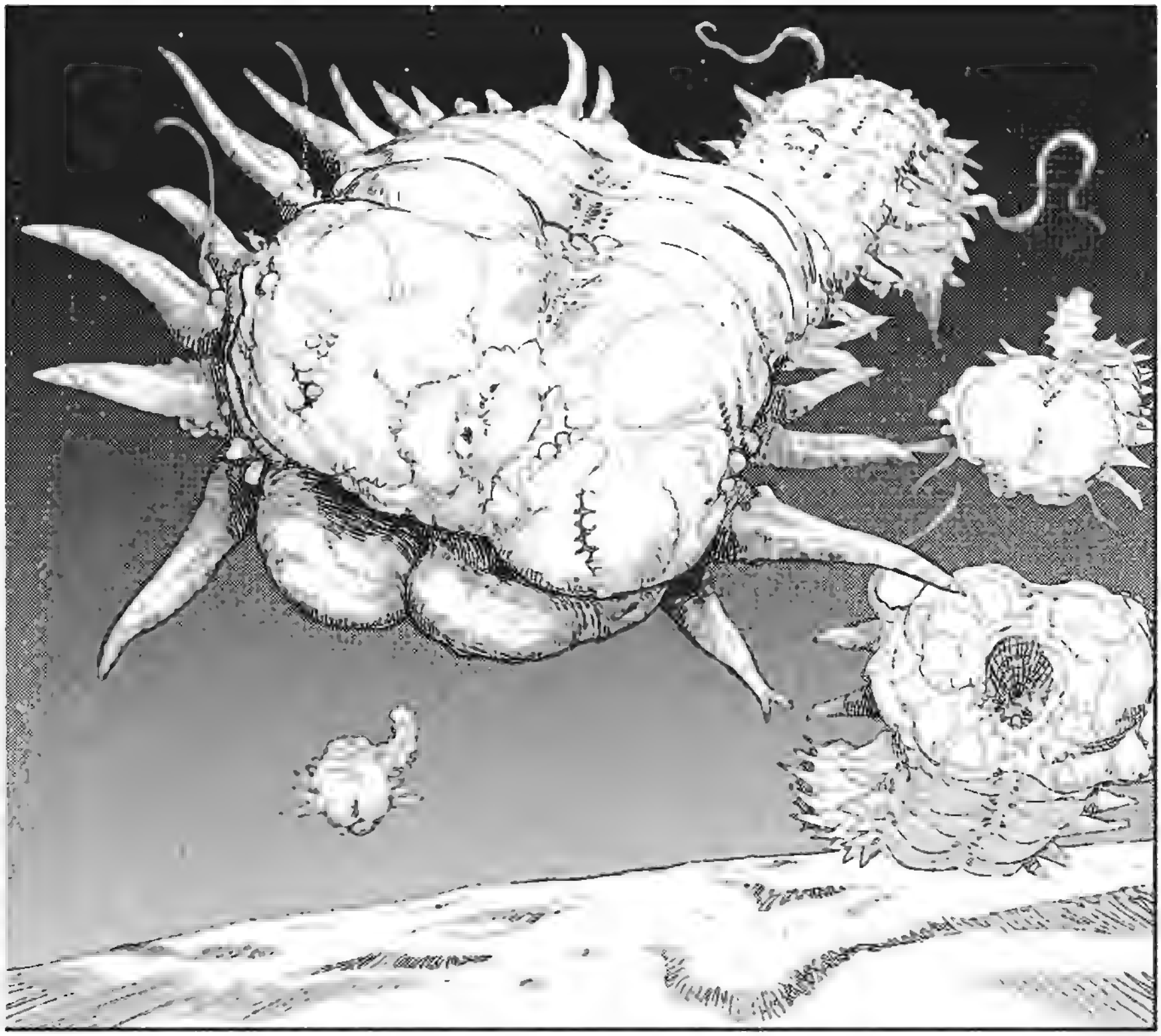
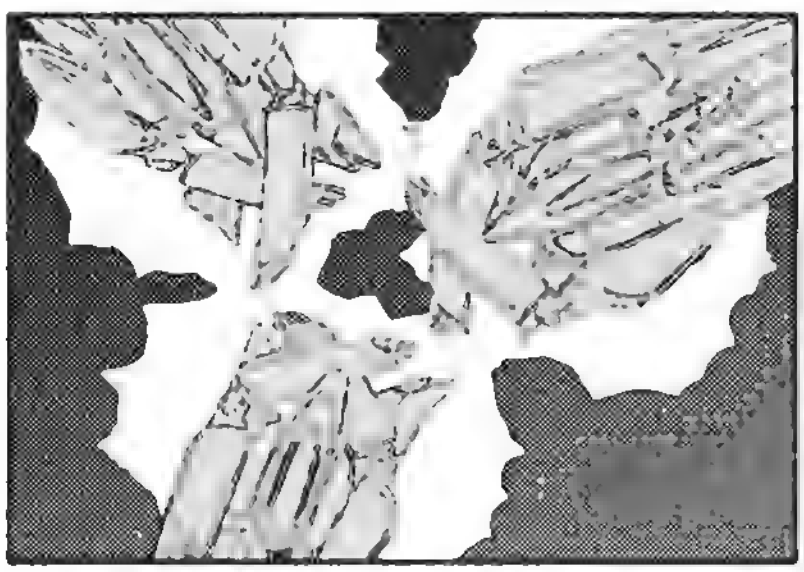
YES.

TH-THAT... THAT'S JUST...


DZOOM
WE'LL ESCAPE WITH A THREE-UNIT CLASP ARRAY !!
ROGER !
KWEEEH





VNN

THEY'RE FIRING !!
DOM
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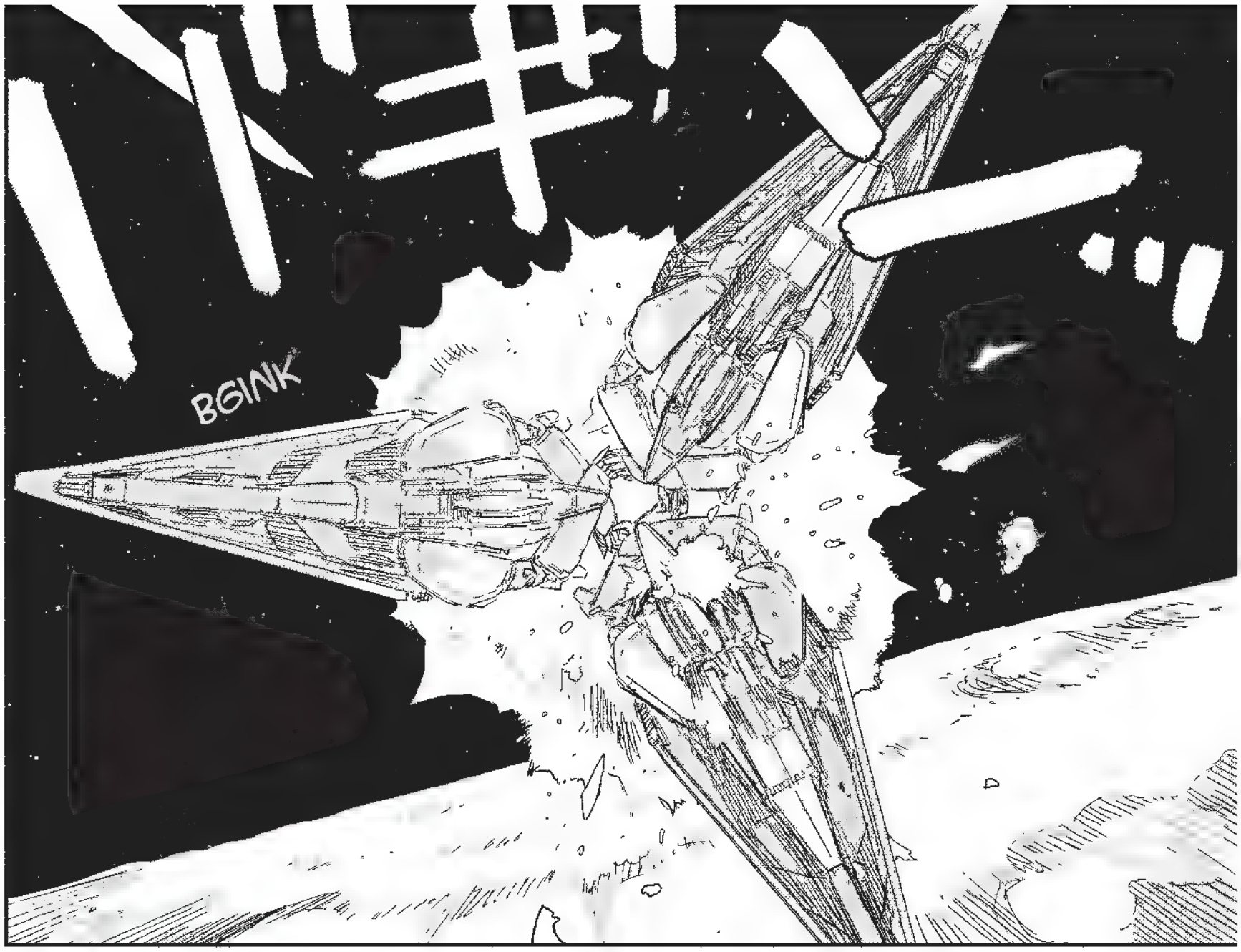
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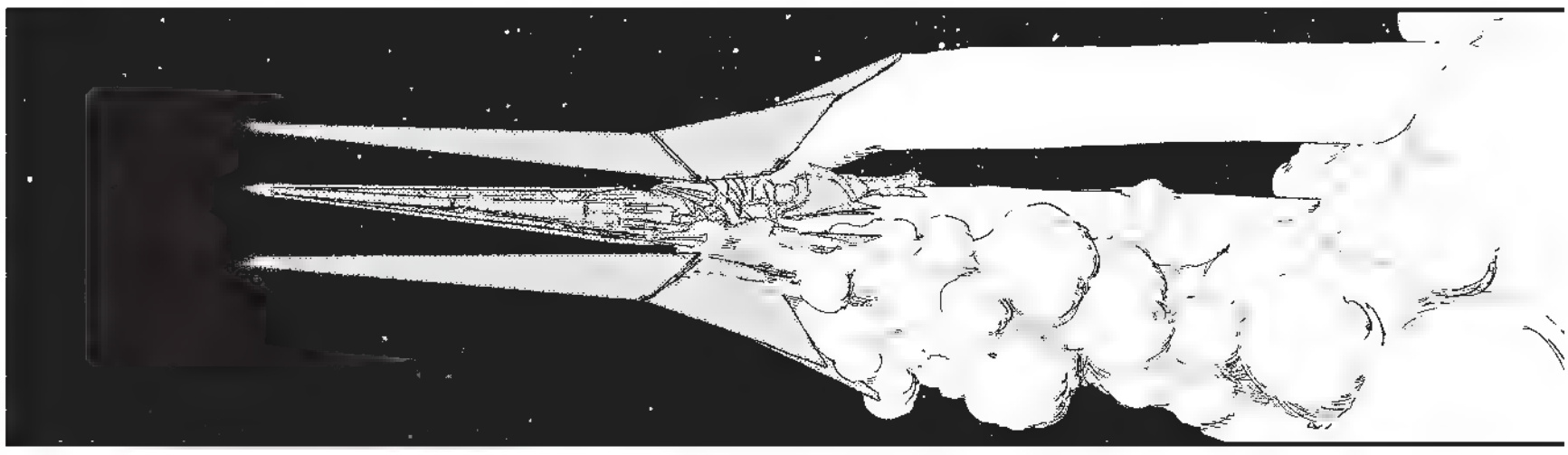
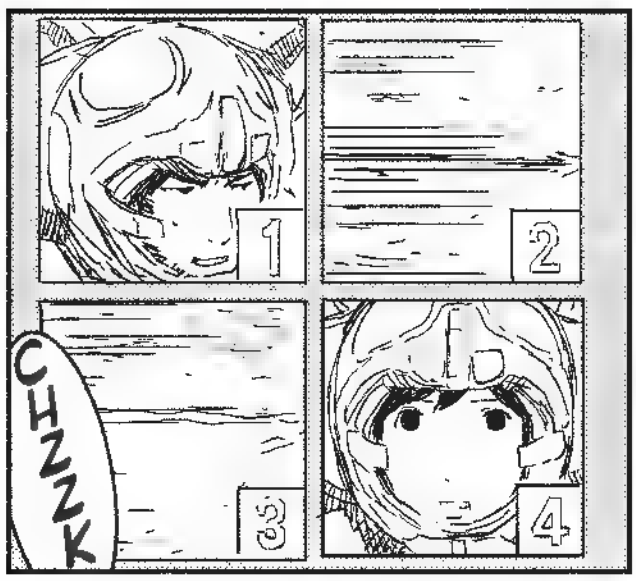



1
2
3
4
CHZZK

HE'S ALREADY DEAD! QUICK, LET GO!!

B-BUT !

SHINATOSE!! WE'LL END UP DEAD TOO!! HURRY UP AND LET GO!!

PKINNG

ACK... LOOKS LIKE I TOOK A HIT TOO.

GWUMM

GWUM

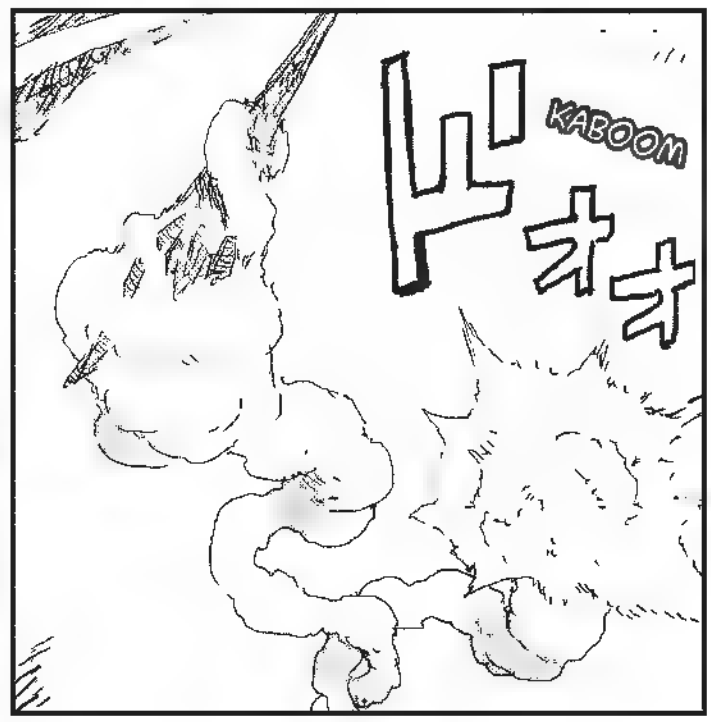
BOMF

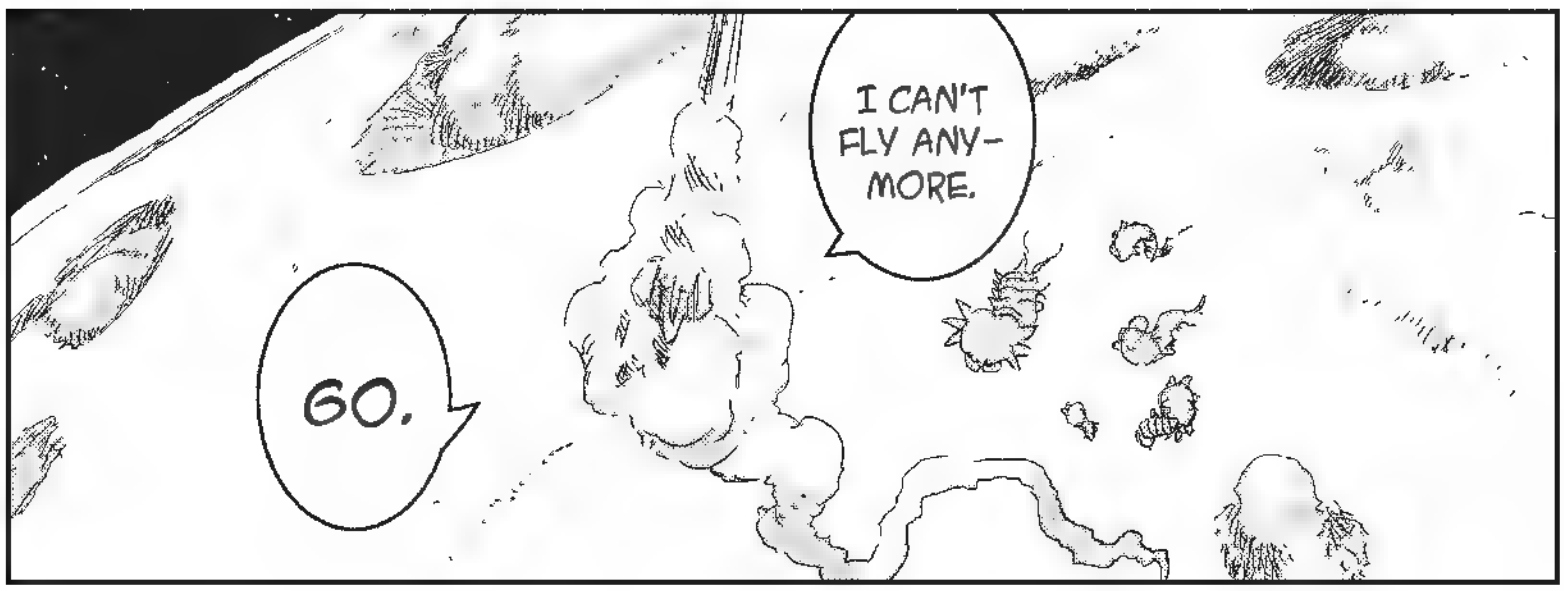
GWM

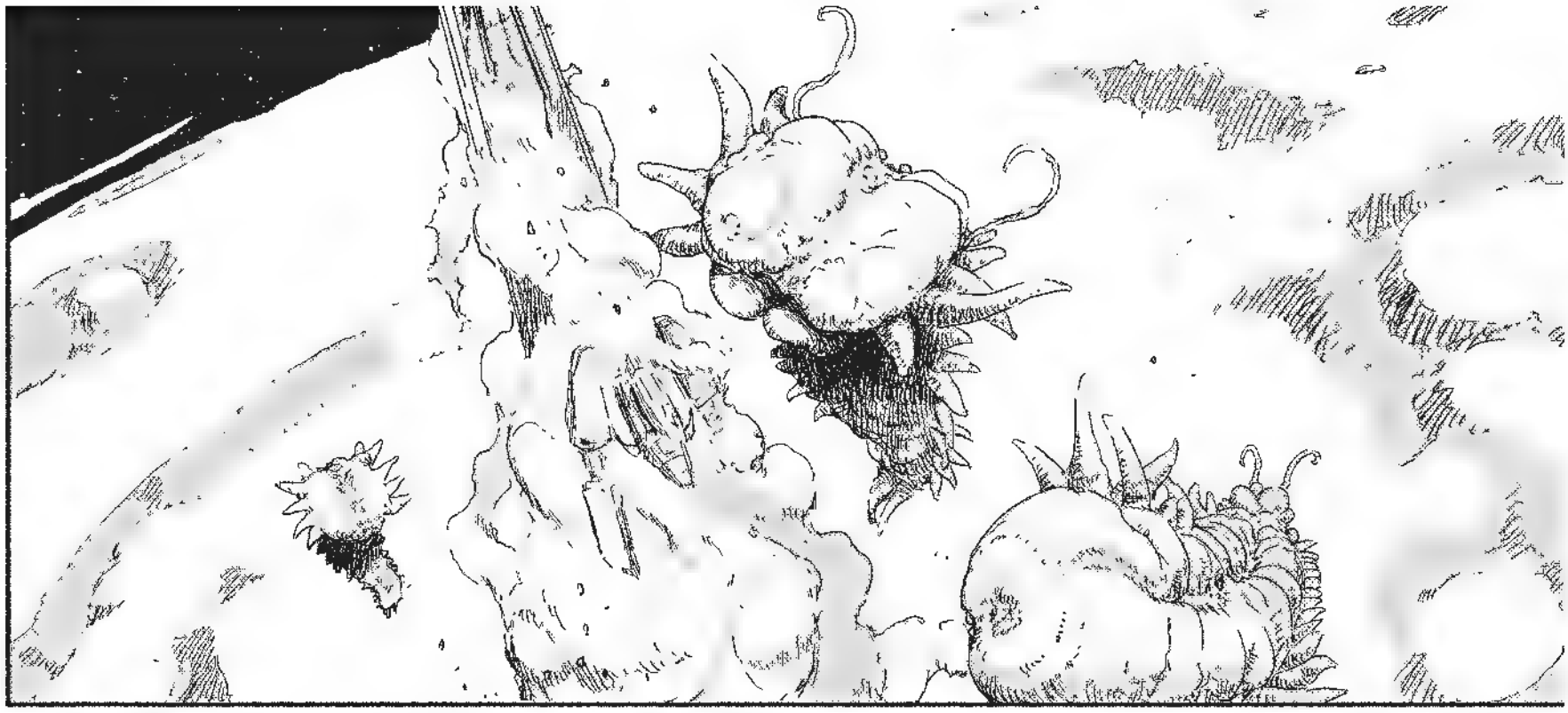
GWM

GWUM

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER UNITS ?!
UNIT 3, MASSIVE DAMAGE !!
THIS IS HQ— SCOUT TEAM, RESPOND !!


KABOOM


I CAN'T FLY ANY-MORE.
60.



POMF

GAPE
TUGG
FLING

BWOF

THOOM
BWOFF

DWOOM

SH-SHINATOSE?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'LL NEVER SHAKE OFF THE GAUNAS WHILE YOU'RE CARRYING ME AND DEFYING GRAVITY!!

WHAT 2!!

SIR, I'M NOT GOING TO DEFY GRAVITY.

ENTRY ANGLE CALCULATION

ATMOSPHERIC PENETRATION SPEED

DANGER

CAUNA APPROACHING

I'M SURE WE'LL BE OKAY...

THE HAYAKAZE'S DETACHING ARMOR IS AN ATMOSPHERIC ENTRY RAFT.

BOMF

CALM DOWN, TSUMUGI !!

ZMM

NO,

LET ME GO, PLEASE!

IF I DON'T HURRY, IZANA WILL —

THIS ISN'T GOOD ...

IF THE UNIT 4 PILOT DIES, WE'LL LOSE CONTROL OF TSUMUGI.

WAIT, TSUMUGI !

YUHATA !

I'M BEGGING YOU.

I MEAN, ASSISTANT COMMANDER MIDORIKAWA, PLEASE LET TSUMUGI AND ME GO!

YOU KNOW WE CAN'T ABIDE BY EVERYONE'S WISHES.

TANI-KAZE, GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF !

I HEAR THE PROTOTYPE OF THE HIGH-COST UNIT THAT TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES IS DEVELOPING IS NEARLY COMPLETE.

WHAT ABOUT IT?

CHIEF SASAKI, MAY I HAVE A MOMENT?

KUNATO.

WHAT IS IT, AT A TIME LIKE THIS?

PLEASE ALLOW A COORDINATED TEST FOR THE HYBRID AND THE SPECIAL NEW PROTOTYPE.

THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO GATHER SOME ACTUAL COMBAT DATA BEFORE WE ENGAGE THE GREATER CLUSTER SHIP.

COMMANDER, OUR FOES THIS ROUND ARE ORDINARY GAUNAS. THEY AREN'T A SERIOUS THREAT.

BOOK

YOW!

CAN IT BE DONE, SASAKI?

THERE'S NO TIME FOR TUNING! JUST ASSEMBLE IT GOING ON YOUR GUTS, POPS!

GOOM

GOOM

YEAH! THERE TOO!

YES! GO AHEAD!

GWRRMM

VEE

GTM GTM

WWWMM

FWOO

GRR

GWM

YOU'LL FEEL LIKE IT CONTROLS PRETTY DIFFERENT SO PLEASE BE CAREFUL.

YOU'LL PROBABLY BE FIGHTING IN GRAVITY TOO...

GWOM

GWHRRMM

THIS UNIT IS INCOMPARABLY LIGHTER THAN PREVIOUS GARDES.

OH, UM, PILOT TANIKAZE, MAY I?

FWEEEE

BUT I DID THOUSANDS OF HOURS IN A TRAINING SIMULATOR UNDER SIMILAR CONDITIONS. I'LL PROBABLY BE OKAY.

DWOM

DWOM

FRREEE

VVVVV

GWRRM

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ALL RIGHT! PROTOTYPE MOVING OUT!!

BKMP

WHOOO

WE'RE DOING FINE.

VMM

GWRRM

MS. MOZUKU! TSUMUGI!

HOW ARE YOU DOING?

TSUMUGI WAS ON THE VERGE OF GOING BERSERK.

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED SINCE THE OLD DAYS, KOBAYASHI ...

READY TO LAUNCH AT ANY TIME.

GWOM

SQUEEZE

GSHNK

HYBRID, LAUNCHING!

TANI-KAZE, LAUNCH-ING!

BOOM

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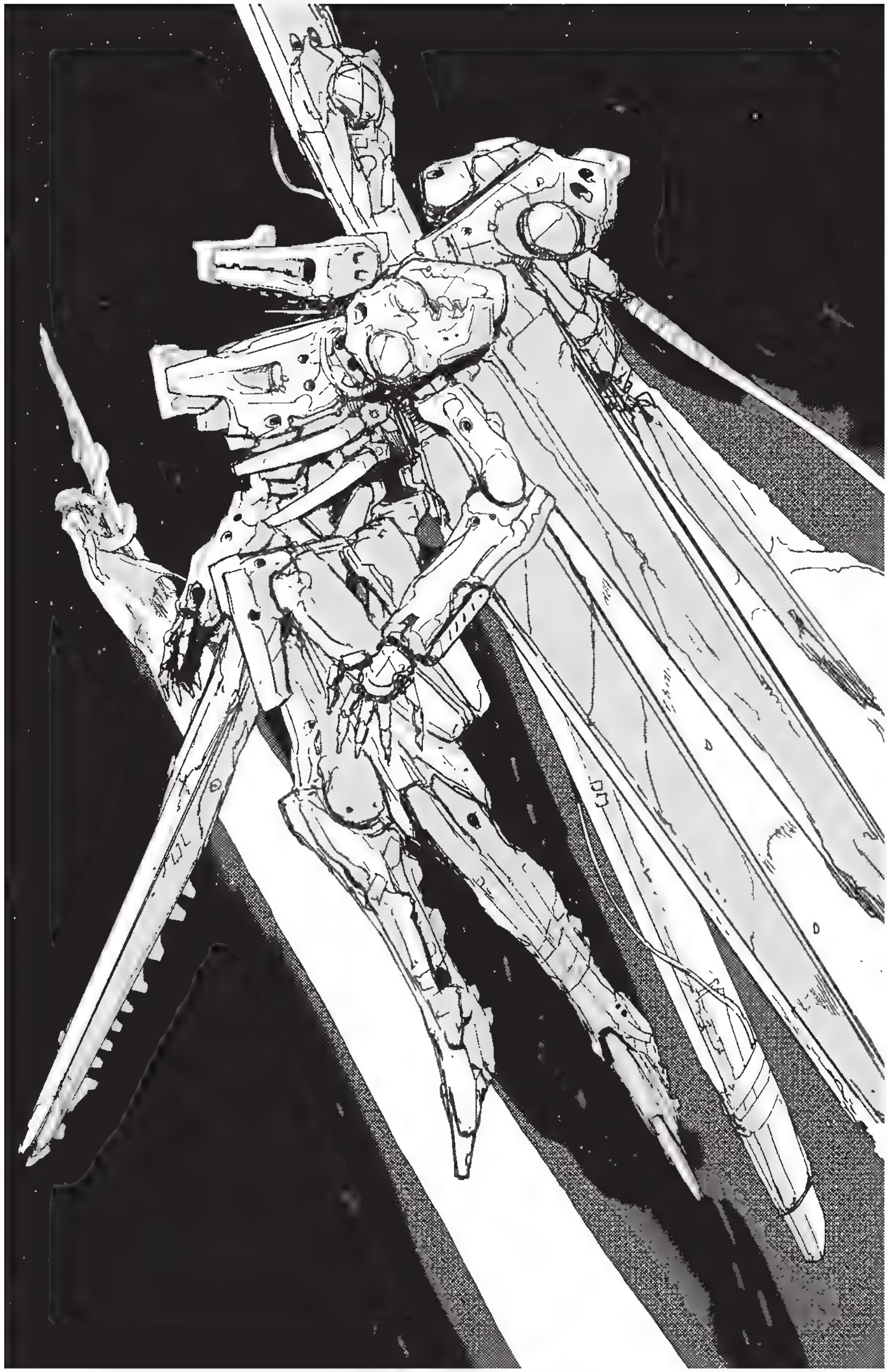
GWEEEM

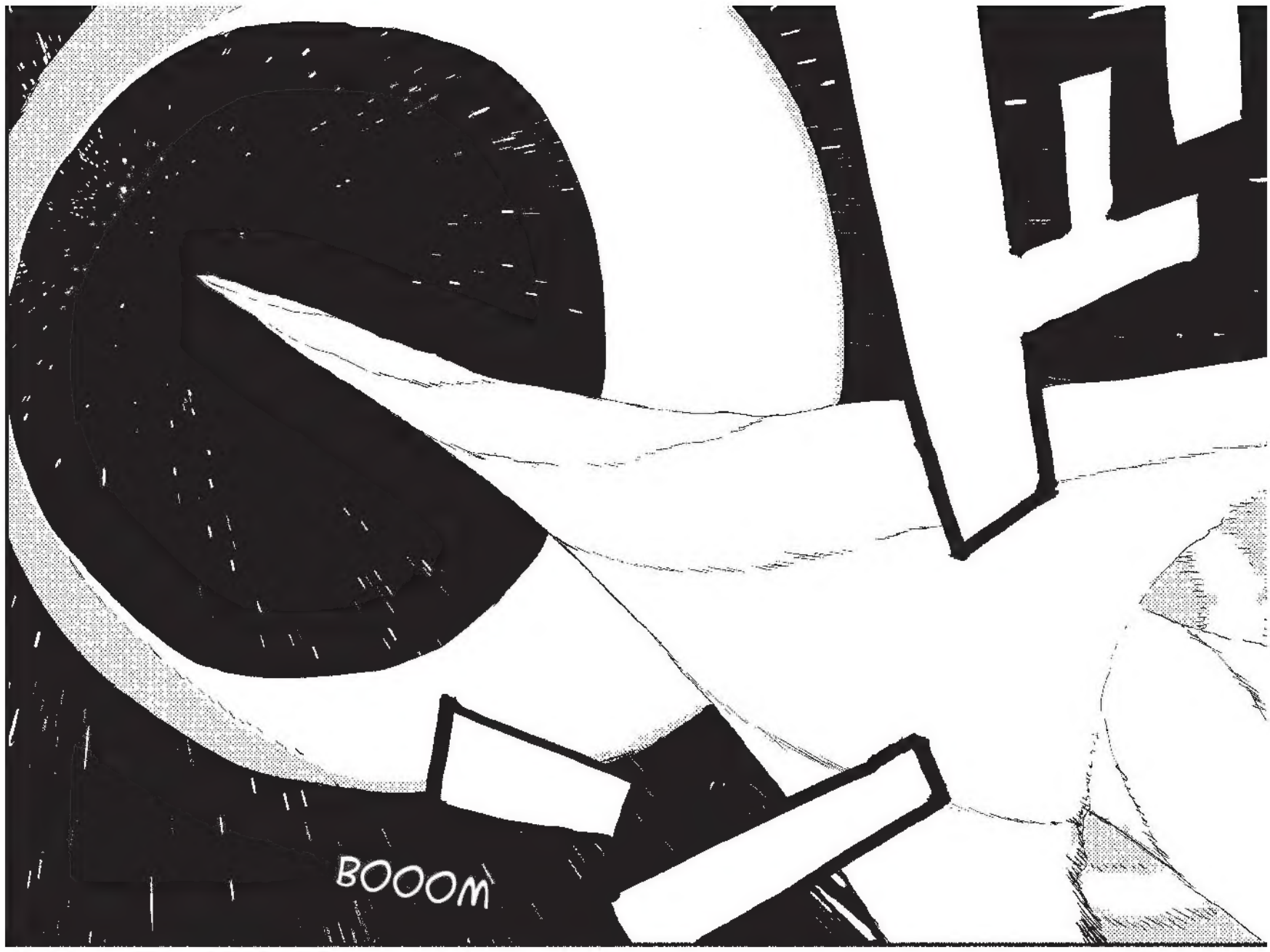


FAST FOR A GARDE.

YES !

TSUMUGI, LET'S HOLD HANDS.

I NEED TO RETRACT MY NAILS ...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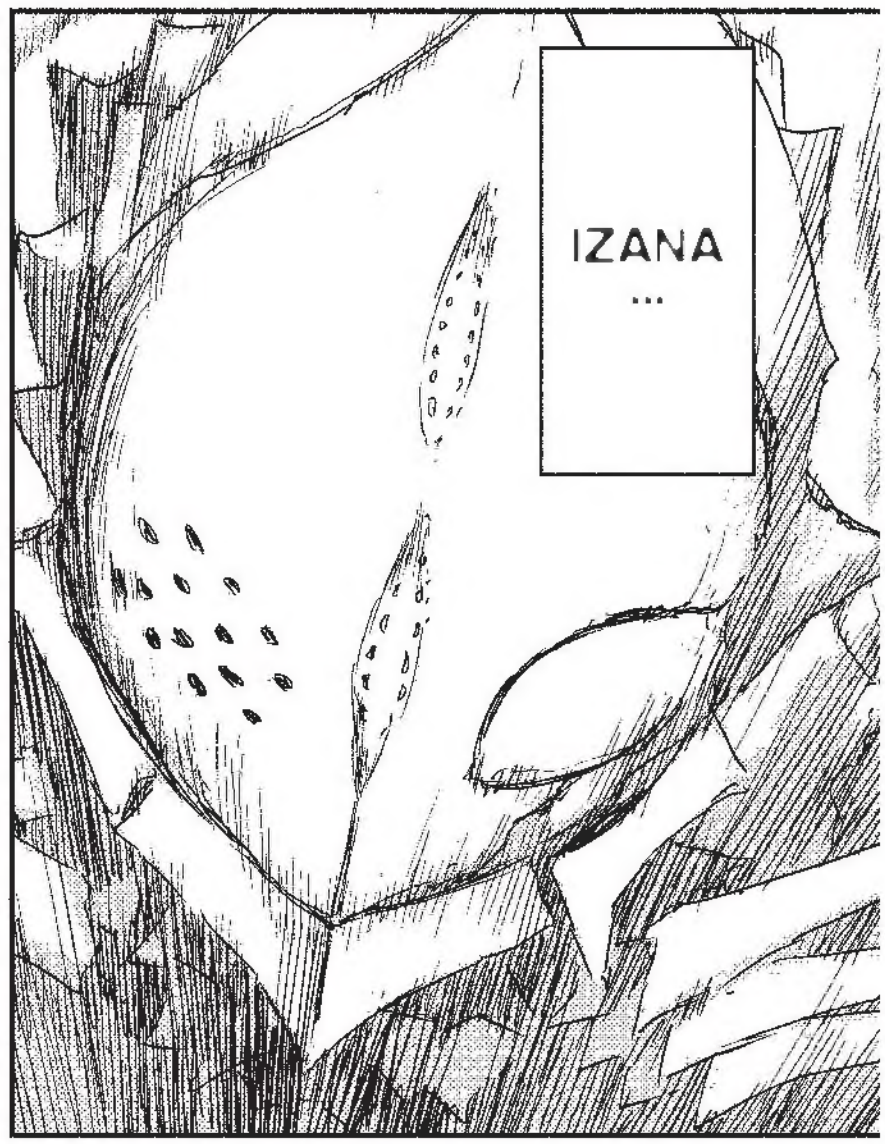
WE WILL SAVE YOU.
TANIKAZE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シドニアの騎士

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